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# Conference of Canadian Premiers

Nation-wide views on matters of national import crystalized—Dominion government given lead on what the provinces want.

By TOM WAYLING

**E**XACTLY a year ago the dominions of the empire met together in London to review the past, survey the present and plan for the future. The delegates to that conference, premiers and ministers of the overseas dominions, had no administrative, no executive powers; they could not enforce one single dictum they laid down, nor impose one single burden on a single dominion. It was a conference, not a cabinet.

Ottawa has just concluded a similar conference. Of smaller units it is true, and of lesser importance, but none the less autonomous and self-governing. The Dominion and provincial governments met and conferred, considered the past, present and future of the confederated provinces and the Dominion itself, but made no recommendations, laid down no policies. Every question left the conference as wide open as when it entered, the parties concerned just as free as ever to follow their own bent.

Contrary to expectation there was no acrimony and no bickering among the delegates. It had been freely prophesied that politics would enter into the equation. There were five Liberal governments represented (Dominion, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia), three Conservative (Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia), one Progressive (Manitoba), and one Farmer (Alberta). Their problems were diversified, their viewpoints often divergent, yet every premier declared at the close of the conference that perfect harmony and unity prevailed.

It had also been feared that the conference would "promise, prepare, propose, postpone and end by letting well enough alone." But this was not the case. Despite its limitations, it made very definite progress. It crystallized the nation-wide views on matters of national import and gave the Dominion government a lead on what the provinces expected.

## Amending the B.N.A. Act

The most outstanding question of the conference was that of amending the British North America Act. Every dominion within the empire, with the exception of Canada, has this power, even the Irish Free State, whose constitution is modelled on Canada's. At the Imperial Conference it was declared in unmistakable terms that every nation within the empire was "equal in status, one with the other." Yet Canada remained in the humiliating position of having to ask another parliament of the empire whenever she wanted a change in her constitution.

The four old provinces objected to any amendment, but the new ones were more modern. It should be also noted that on several occasions when the provinces sought greater subsidies or other concessions, which could be obtainable only through the amendment of the act, they wanted the act amended. The chief objection, of course, was that the rights of the minorities would be impaired.

It is probable, however, that the Dominion parliament will be asked to provide legislation putting Canada on a par with the other dominions. This may be done by giving the Dominion power to

amend, but with two provisos. As Confederation was a pact between provinces, the provinces must be consulted. In matters of minor import an amendment might be made if two-thirds of the province agree. In major questions involving the rights of the minorities, there must be absolute unanimity. Thus Quebec alone need only say "No" to check any move to affect her minority rights.

## The Reformation of the Senate

Another important question was that of Senate reform, a question pressed by the West for many years. Again the old provinces protested. Among the proposals considered were: Abolition; the adoption of the elective principles, direct or indirect; a combination of the appointive and elective principles; a fixed and limited term of office; an age limit with possible superannuation; curtailing the power of the Senate with respect to money bills and general public bills which they can now veto.

Abolition was ruled out early, a few were in favor of the elective principle, and there was a wide divergence of opinion of the other suggestions. There was a general opinion that some reforms were necessary and probably legislation will be introduced into parliament next session.

## Provinces Want More Money

There was a keen demand of the provinces for more money. The terms of Confederation turned over the customs and excise taxes to the Dominion in lieu of which the provinces were given subsidies. At that time these subsidies amounted to about one-third the customs and excise taxes. Today the amount only means about one twentieth and the provinces want a larger share. The Dominion's reply to this was to point to the immense war debt and other expenditures which were not even thought of at Confederation. The minister of finance estimated that if all the requests made at the conference were met it would cost the Dominion treasury \$100,000,000 annually. There will be no increase in subsidies, though this question has been brought up at almost every conference since the beginning. There were similar conferences in 1887, 1902, 1906, 1910, 1915 and 1918, the two latter being war conferences and dealing with war problems alone.

The provinces also wanted special grants for highway construction, technical education, agricultural education, unemployment relief and the Nova Scotia steel industry. There was a \$20,000,000 fund provided in 1919 and subsequent years for trunk highways, but the final instalment on this was paid this year. The Nova Scotia steel industry took up a lot of time, but got little sympathy.

As to agriculture, Hon. George Hoadley, of Alberta, suggested the elimination of over-lapping as between provincial and federal fields. Premier Ferguson emphasized the necessity of standardization of products with a Dominion brand. Premier Gardiner also stated that standardization should be Dominion wide. The minister of agriculture said over-lapping was inevitable, but that much had been done with standardization which was now applied to wheat, butter, cheese

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## 'Round Robin's Red Barn

By SARAH M. LOCKWOOD

"I MUST," I said, "write something about Christmas."  
The little old lady looked thoughtful. Her fine patient hands that had once been so active lay folded in her lap.

"That is a very hard thing to do," she said quietly. "It was written about once, and nobody has ever been able to write anything worth while about it since."

I pricked up my ears.  
"Who wrote it?" I asked. Then remembering how old-fashioned she was, "Oh, you mean A Christmas Carol, or something like that. Well, people nowadays—"

She reached over to the table beside her and picked up a small brown book, very much worn and stuffed out with pressed flowers, clippings yellow about the edges, tiny photographs.

"No," she said, "I don't mean Dickens, although he did pretty well, I mean this."

And she began to read:  
"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night . . ."

"Oh," I said, after a bit, rather lamely "you mean that."

"Yes," she said, pushing her glasses up into her hair so that she could look at me very straight, "I mean that."

"But people aren't interested in that point of view," I said rather loftily. "I don't want to write a sermon. I want to write something gay that people will read. Something full of the Christmas spirit."

The brown eyes smiled at me.  
"Well, why don't you? Only, if I were you, before I began, I should ponder these things in my heart, as Mary did, and find out what the Christmas spirit really is. You may have forgotten."

You may have forgotten! Had I? Certainly not!

She had no idea, apparently, of the weeks of labor, the heartbreaking effort, I make every Christmas. Just checking over the long lists alone is a heavy task, but it is the only way one can be quite sure that no embarrassing mistakes will occur. For that matter, most of my gifts are new—well, newish—and they are wrapped and tied and decorated with constellations of pasters until, at last, when they do go off, no one can possibly say they do not look attractive. I am a great believer in a good first impression. It sort of takes the edge off, as it were. Of course, no one knows, except perhaps a bull, how I feel about red paper before they are all finished and done for, but I keep doggedly at it, and try not to think of the expense. Everything cheerful and bright. That is my endeavor to the utmost of human endurance. And if that is not showing the Christmas spirit, I should like to know what is!

I explained all this to the old lady. She didn't seem to be particularly impressed.  
"No," she said, "I shouldn't call that the Christmas spirit exactly. Of course, it is part of it. One wants to remember one's friends at Christmas, but that isn't all. It isn't any more than the trimming on the box. It is just the outside. The real meaning of Christmas is inside, like the gift. You mustn't mistake the trimming for the gift," and she smiled in a way that made me feel like a child playing button-button—and playing it badly, too.

"Well, what is it, then?" I asked, a trifle pettishly.

"You go away and think about it," she advised. "You

know, only you have forgotten for a little while."

Possibly she was right. Christmas had seemed rather tinsel-tied and futile for the last few years. But what was the matter? What was lacking? I decided to go away and ponder on these things; to try to find out once more what the Christmas spirit really is.

It was natural to think first of an elaborate Christmas. Surely, the bigger

No, the Christmas spirit was not there. Strange, too, when it looked so very much like Christmas. Too much trimming, perhaps. Of course! We must look for it among the poor who have so little to go on but spirit.

A dusky city street, lamplit. A figure hurrying through the slush, work-worn hands clutching a package clumsily tied in red. Up the long flights she plods, to

seemed to hover around the bent white head, around the hands that mechanically washed and dried the dishes to the thump of the "Mammy Blues."

So it isn't being either rich or poor that brings the Christmas spirit. But this is the city where people have no time to waste on things like that. Perhaps in the country—

Fields of white under the frosty stars. Trees black against the luminous sky. Chimes ringing sweetly on the still air, and the sound of singing rising from a little church upon a hill. Inside, the close, sweet smell of melting wax as, one by one, the kneeling figures rise and carry their candles to their pastor to be lit at his. He stands, tall and straight, watching them depart, a tinge of sadness in his eyes. A decorous friendly murmur as they gather outside, the thin clear flames of the candles streaming upward. A woman shields hers with her hand, her face shining like a saint's in its pure light.

"Wasn't it beautiful?" she murmurs to the man beside her who is muttering impatiently because the car is cold and won't start. "Please drive slowly, dear, and perhaps I can keep my candle lit."

"Keep it lit? What do you want to keep it lit for? It will be out before we get to the foot of the hill."

"I want so much to light the children's tree with it. The service was so beautiful. I wanted to carry a little of it back to them."

"Nonsense. Sentimental. Stuffy, that's what it was; all those fool candles burning. We can't come out of a hot place like that and dawdle along in the cold. I'm chilly now. Besides, BZAX comes on at ten-thirty. I want to get home and tune in."

Not there, either. And it seemed so close, so very close, for a moment. Surely it was in that woman's face in the candle-light. It trembled in the chimes. It lay like a benediction on the peaceful fields, but it is gone now, fled like a gentle ghost. Perhaps if we go to the edge of the world, to the lonely places, as the shepherds did when "Glory shone around—"

A small log cabin. Snow drifted to the eaves. Tall pines gathered close, their lofty tops swaying and moaning in the wind that whirls the snowflakes in a crazy dance. A woman stands in the open door, a shawl over her head, swinging a lantern. A tall man, bent against the wind, comes staggering through the drifts dragging a small fir tree.

"My! Guess we're in for it again."

"You bet! Couldn't see a yard in front of me."

The man shakes the snow from his shoulders and unties the strings to his earlaps. Together they pull the tree into the warm room and set it up. It stands gracefully poised, glittering with frost and hung with icicles.

"How lovely it looks, just like that!" exclaims the woman. "Seems a pity to put anything on it."

"Don't worry. It won't be overburdened," the man laughs shortly. The woman glances at his set, hard face and sighs.

The icicles melt and drip. The rich  
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### Dedication

From A Belgian Christmas Eve.

ALFRED NOYES

*Thou, Whose deep ways are in the sea,  
Whose footsteps are not known,  
Tonight a world that turned from Thee  
Is waiting at Thy throne.*

*The towering Babels that we raised  
Where scoffing sophists brawl,  
The little Antichrists we praised—  
The night is on them all.*

*The fool hath said—The fool hath said—  
And we, who deemed him wise,  
We, who believed that Thou wast dead,  
How should we seek Thine eyes?*

*How should we seek to Thee for power,  
Who scorned Thee yesterday?  
How should we kneel in this dread hour?  
Lord, teach us how to pray.*

*Grant us the single heart once more  
That mocks no sacred thing,  
The Sword of Truth our fathers wore  
When Thou wast Lord and King.*

*Let darkness unto darkness tell  
Our deep unspoken prayer;  
For, while our souls in darkness dwell,  
We know that Thou art there.*

the tree, the greater the spirit. This tree stood in the middle of an immense ball-room, its glitter reflected in a hundred mirrors. Bright-colored electric bulbs blossomed on the boughs laden with gifts. People, beautifully dressed, were smiling firmly and watching the butler as he moved about, taking gifts from the tree and gravely serving them. No undue enthusiasm to be sure, but interest, keen as a knife blade. A little girl with a heap of neglected toys beside her gazed with rapt wide eyes at the bright star that topped the tree.

"Mother," she whispered, tugging at the silk dress, "mother, what does the star mean?"

"Hush, darling. Look at mother's new bracelet. See how it gitters, brighter than the star."

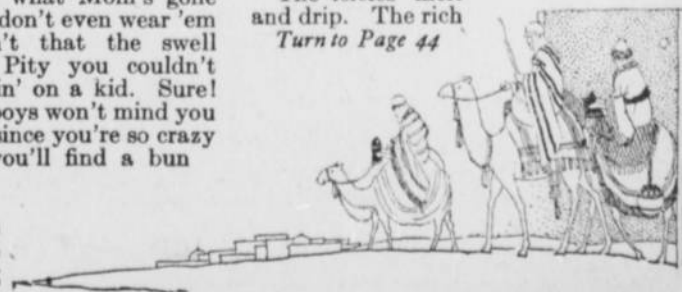
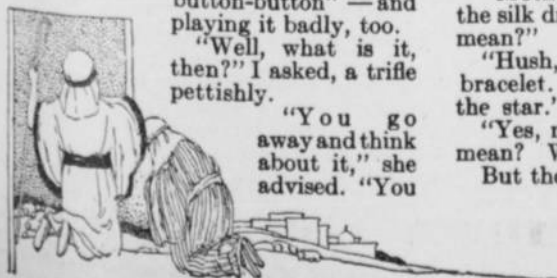
"Yes, mother. But what does the star mean? What does it mean?"

But the mother's complacent eyes were fixed on the bauble on her wrist. The child, with a tired sigh, settled back, her wistful pale face lifted to the star.

pause uncertainly at the sound of loud laughter and cheap music. The door flings open to her timid knock, and a young girl stands on the threshold, her hands on her hips, her cheeks flushed through scarlet paint. Her short fair hair floats like a nimbus around her head, but her eyes are cold and hard, and they look contemptuously into the mother's that rest on her beseechingly.

"Hello, Mom. This is a nice time to show up! Where have you been? Washin' up for the millionaires? Hah! I'd like to see myself! What's that you got? Aw—for G-awd's sake! Look what Mom's gone an' made me—an' we don't even wear 'em no more! Say, ain't that the swell Christmas present! Pity you couldn't spend a little somethin' on a kid. Sure! Come along in. The boys won't mind you bein' here. And say, since you're so crazy about dish-washin', you'll find a bun of 'em in the sink."

No, Christmas was not there, either, although something





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## CHAPTER I

IT is the story of the Frog Lake Massacre I have to tell. There is nothing pretty about it. A stain dark and bloody on the pages of Canadian history, that is all it is. Yet as history it is worth preserving. I lived at Frog Lake, was present at that massacre and narrowly escaped the fate that overtook my luckless fellows. For months afterward the unexpected report of a gun put my heart in my mouth. In my dreams painted savages raced yelling after me at early dawn through belts of dark firs, over knolls, across valleys; bullets sang in my ears or buried themselves in my flesh; and I awoke gasping and unable in the first seconds of consciousness to convince myself that it was not all a horrible reality. Even after all these years I do not often care to dwell in memory upon that dreadful time. But always I have felt that it would one day be my part to set down faithfully what I knew and saw and it is in that feeling that this is being written.

Fortunately I am not dependent on memory alone, which might prove fickle. Copious notes concerning the events, preserved from the time of their occurrence, afford a basis for confidence and make the work comparatively easy. The story is a plain one and I shall endeavour to tell it plainly.

Four hundred miles east of the great continental backbone of North America, the Rocky Mountains, and six miles north of the North Saskatchewan River, a collection of substantial log buildings in the year 1885 had reached the dignity of a small civilized community known as the Frog Lake Settlement.

The Saskatchewan is the grand river of the old Canadian North-West Territories. Rising in the Rockies, it flows east, draining most of that immense sweep of hill and plain, forest, lake and muskeg through its connections into the broad Arctic reservoir of Hudson Bay. Like Mississippi, Saskatchewan is a Cree or Algonquin word and means "Swift-running." During many years steamboats sweated their way fifteen hundred miles up the tortuous channels of the main stream and its two chief branches, the North and South Saskatchewan, with merchandise for Fort Edmonton, then a trading centre of the Hudson's Bay Company, now the capital city of Alberta, and slipped back on its hurrying flood with peltries in rich packs on their way to the world's fur market at London.

Frog Lake, for many years following 1885, as a place of human abode no longer existed. It fell back into the embrace of that wilderness from which it was once in part wrested. The mystery of silence brooded over it. The pilots of its first feeble steps toward an ordered progress slept beneath its grass-topped hillsides and ashes covered the ground whereon stood their habitations. The traveller passed quickly along the trail leading through it and camped at night away from its sombre associations. Even the savage author of its desolation shunned a spot where in the dark his unquiet fancy conjured up the ceasing shades of stunned and martyred victims. For on the morning of April 2, in that year of 1885, the redman, whose home this wilderness was, arose with his fierce blood galloping in his ears and casting aside his dissembled amity, struck to the earth the intruder upon his heritage.

That paleskinned stranger had come boldly upon the land as though it had belonged to him. True, a treaty had been made, but he did not regard the gods, the traditions or the customs of its people. He scoffed at the wisdom of its chiefs and prophets. He treated them not as equals and brothers but as children, foolish, untaught. He would have shown them a new manner of life. They cared nothing about any new manner of life; they were satisfied with life as they knew it. Except that they had thought that life would have been easier, somehow, after the treaty was signed.

At first they had made him welcome, sharing their meat and camp fire according to the ancient usages of the red

peoples. Then for a time they had marvelled and endured and spoken in secret council. And at length when the opportunity arose they had thrown off the mask of submission to the new order of things that had come uninvited upon them and rifle and torch in hand sped to the work of vengeance and destruction.

The settlement of Frog Lake consisted of three main groups of buildings—government, Hudson's Bay Company and Roman Catholic mission; the store of a trader named George Dill, and a small grist mill in course of construction. There were the dwellings of the Indian agent, farming instructor, interpreter, the North-West Mounted Police barracks, stores, blacksmith

The Cree nation is divided into two branches which, speaking practically the same language, differ widely in character and mode of life. The Plain Crees are better orators, more active, warlike, crafty and savage than their Wood Cree brethren. Big Bear and Poundmaker were both Plain Crees, though Poundmaker was elected a chief only a few years before the rebellion, while Big Bear was a "Company" chief and bore the reputation of having as a young man been the bravest warrior among the Crees. Big Bear was rather

peace with white traders and missionaries. They had acquired some skill in agriculture, which they followed when not engaged in their regular business of trapping furs. The Indian is always a beggar and the Wood Crees possessed this characteristic along with the other tribes.

Still farther to the north, stretching well down toward the Arctic Ocean, lay the territory of another race of fur hunters, the Chippewyan or Athabaskan family of tribes.

## CHAPTER II

### Annuity Payments at Fort Pitt

It was October, 1884, and the Plain Crees of Big Bear's band were camped above the North Saskatchewan River near Fort Pitt. The Indians were assembled to receive their annuities, which would be paid at Pitt on the 20th of that month. Under the treaty the chiefs received each twenty-five dollars, councillors fifteen, all others—men, women, children—five dollars each every year "while grass grew and water ran."

Fort Pitt was an old and important trading-post of the Hudson's Bay Company, thirty-five miles from Frog Lake. George Dill and I had made the round of the payments at the various reservations with a trading outfit in competition with other traders for a share of the Indians' crisp new notes. Now our tents were pitched near the Indian lodges in readiness for the business that would follow the last and largest payment, that to Big Bear and his band.

A new prophet and champion had arrived among the band. I had met Little Poplar at Frog Lake a few days before. He had come from Fort Pitt with an order on John Delaney, the farming instructor, for provisions. I learned later how he had secured it. On the trail he had encountered the government inspector of Indian agencies. The following dialogue ensued:

Little Poplar: "Who are you?"

Inspector: "Me? I visit the reservations every year to see that the Indians are properly treated, that they have what is necessary. I'm an inspector."

Little Poplar: "Huh! That's what I am, too—an inspector. I come from the country of the Kitchemokomanuk (Americans—Long-Knives); I wanted to know whether or not my people were well treated. They are hungry, I find. Give me a musinagen—I want thirty sacks of flour, ten sacks of bacon, tea, sugar; that will be good medicine. Quick!"

He got the order. I was standing with Delaney in front of the agency when Little Poplar drove up with his Crow brother-in-law. He was a handsome Indian. Above medium height, straight as a rush, muscular, with clean square-cut features, full jaw, long plaited black hair, a quick tongue and cool aggressive manner, it was apparent at once that he was a savage bound to be a leader among his people and that a white man to deal with him successfully would have to possess exceptional tact and courage. He wore a fancy green blanket, leggings profusely beaded, moccasins, a wide leather belt with a heavy knife and Colt's revolver stuck in it, a broad Stetson hat encircled by a brass band and eagle plumes, brass earrings and brass bands on his wrists. Without mention of the order he stepped up to Delaney and said curtly:

"I want thirty sacks of flour, ten of bacon, ten pounds of tea and fifty pounds of sugar."

Delaney looked at the impudent savage with some curiosity.

"I don't know you," he said. "You may be in treaty and again you mayn't. We don't give stuff even to treaty Indians whenever they take a notion to ask for it. To strange Indians and non-treaty Indians we don't give anything at all."

Little Poplar's lower lip stuck out. "Why doesn't the Big Chief Woman send agents who can do something? It is men like you"—he looked insolently



The Cree Chief, Poundmaker

shop, stables and outhouses; the Hudson's Bay Company's trading shop, store, dwelling and stable; the mission church and dwelling. The mill and residence of its builder, John C. Gowanlock, lay some two miles nearer the Saskatchewan than the main settlement, located at the foot of Frog Lake, a beautiful sheet of water fifteen miles in length, connected with the Saskatchewan through a creek bearing the same name.

The settlement was in the centre of a reservation of several square miles belonging to three bands of Wood Cree Indians. On this reservation, within a radius of three miles, were scattered the houses of the Wood Crees. The region is rolling and diversified. Small lakes sleep in the hollows between the hills; the prairies are interspersed with bluffs of poplar, willow, birch and spruce. Feathered game, rabbits and fish abound; deer, moose and fur-bearing animals are also plentiful in the vicinity. It was due to these natural advantages, combined with the rich soil, that the land had been chosen by the Wood Crees as a home for themselves and their families.

short of stature for an Indian and of stronger and more compact build than the ordinary redman. His chest was enormous. He had a large head, thick neck, broad forehead and small cunning deep-set twinkling black eyes. His nose was long and prominent, the nostrils thick and strong, his lips thin and straight and his chin and jaw square and powerful. His general appearance was that of a resolute politic savage and born leader of men.

The Plain Crees were the hereditary enemies of the Blackfeet. Their territory was the great plains between the North and South Saskatchewan, where in bands and mounted they hunted buffalo, fought their battles and from whence they made predatory excursions into the countries of neighboring tribes.

The Wood Crees, on the other hand, were a race of solitary hunters and trappers afoot. They lived in the wooded country north of the North Saskatchewan and seldom ventured on the plains among their more warlike brethren. They were the backbone of the fur trade in the Saskatchewan country and had for years lived at



# of Big Bear

By an eye witness to the principal incidents in the tale---William Bleasdel Cameron

at Delaney—"that cause trouble between the Indians and the police like they had at Poundmaker's last summer!"

He drew from under his blanket the inspector's order and handed it to Delaney. "Now, am I going to get the provisions?" he sneered.

Of course he got them. Delaney could not refuse, though he was plainly nettled. The supplies were loaded on the carts that had trailed Little Poplar and he returned to Pitt. T. T. Quinn, the Indian agent, followed a day or two later with the cash for the payment to Big Bear's band—which brings me back where I began.

Little Poplar has been introduced thus early in order to show the class of men who led what had long been recognized as the most turbulent and warlike band of savages in the Canadian Northwest, and because his influence and that of other chiefs served to foment the discontent and restlessness in their followers which was so soon to culminate in one of the most sanguinary events in the history of the Canadian government's relations with its Indian wards.

On October 19, Agent Quinn sent word to Big Bear that he would pay the band at the Hudson's Bay Company's post in the morning. The Indians arrived promptly. They filled the office in the big fort building where Quinn was seated; they packed the hall, the stairs, the doors and the open windows and trailed away into the square between the building outside. All were painted and carried guns under their blankets.

Little Poplar was first to speak. He had come, he said, from across the line; come to see his people, do something for them. He had heard that they were hungry. That was so. The Americans

treated their Indians better—gave them more to eat, more clothes. He would not speak much now. He would hear the others. After that he would speak.

Wandering Spirit, war chief, spoke next. He lamented the disappearance of the buffalo, the redman's one friend, and the Indians' destitution, contrasting it with the abundance of the past. Other leaders followed, speaking in the same strain.

Then Little Poplar rose again and walking out in front of Quinn, said:

"Are you Kahpwatamut?"

Quinn raised his eyes. "That's what they call me," he replied.

"May I look at you?" the Indian went on.

Six and a half feet tall, spare, athletic, broad-shouldered, exceedingly active, Thomas Trueman Quinn was a splendid figure of a man. A native of Minnesota, notwithstanding his mixed Sioux and Irish-French blood he was well educated, exceptionally intelligent and had served with distinction in a Wisconsin regiment through the American Civil War. Afterward he had seen many exciting adventures while employed as a scout with the regular army in frontier Indian campaigns. It was from his knowledge of the Sioux language that he received from the Crees his name of Kahpwatamut or The Sioux Speaker.

He rose leisurely, turned completely round before Little Poplar, sat down again. He looked at Little Poplar. "Seen all you want?" he asked.

The Indian scowled. "I have heard of you!" he retorted. "I heard of you away over the other side of the Missouri River. I started to come this way and the farther I came the more I heard. You're the man the govern-

ment sent up here to say 'No!' to everything the Indians asked you!"

Little Poplar bent over and shot the last sentence at Quinn like a slug from a catapult. There was intense silence in the room. The agent signed to him to proceed.

"Now, I am going to ask you something. I will ask it three times before I sit down. It is long since the buffalo went away, my people are hungry and would like to eat fresh meat again. Will you kill an ox before the treaty money is paid?"

Quinn shook his head. "The government gives cattle to the Indians for work and milk, not to kill. There's no beef for you."

Little Poplar went on: "I crossed the line and travelled north. By and by I came to where the grass had been torn up. Two iron lines had been laid down and stretched away east and west as far as I could see. (The Canadian Pacific Railway.) I said to myself, 'What is this?' I thought for a moment and then I said: 'Hai, yes; I know! This is the pewabisko meskano, the iron road that the government has built to carry food and clothing in their big wagons to the poor starving Indians.' And I want them to bring money out the same way, in the big wagons, and to throw it out on both sides of the iron road so that everybody can have plenty of it!"

He turned to Quinn. "For the second time, I ask: Will you give us beef?"

"I've answered that question. You heard what I said," replied the agent.

"Very well!" Little Poplar raised his voice. "We will have the government build a telegraph line from here to Battleford, and"—he lifted the whip in his hand—"I will lash the wires as they do and we will have him removed! I will have a new man sent in his place within a moon. I know the government has given orders that you are to have



William McKay who played a leading part in the Indian incident of 1884.

beef, but he won't follow them. I look around me," he went on, "and of all the leaders who stayed when we went south, how many are left? I see one old man!" He placed his hand on the white head of Chief Keehewin; then faced the agent: "For the third and last time I ask—and when you answer, speak loud so that every Indian in this house can hear—Will you give us beef?"

"No!" came the reply in the deep voice of the agent. Little Poplar wheeled about.

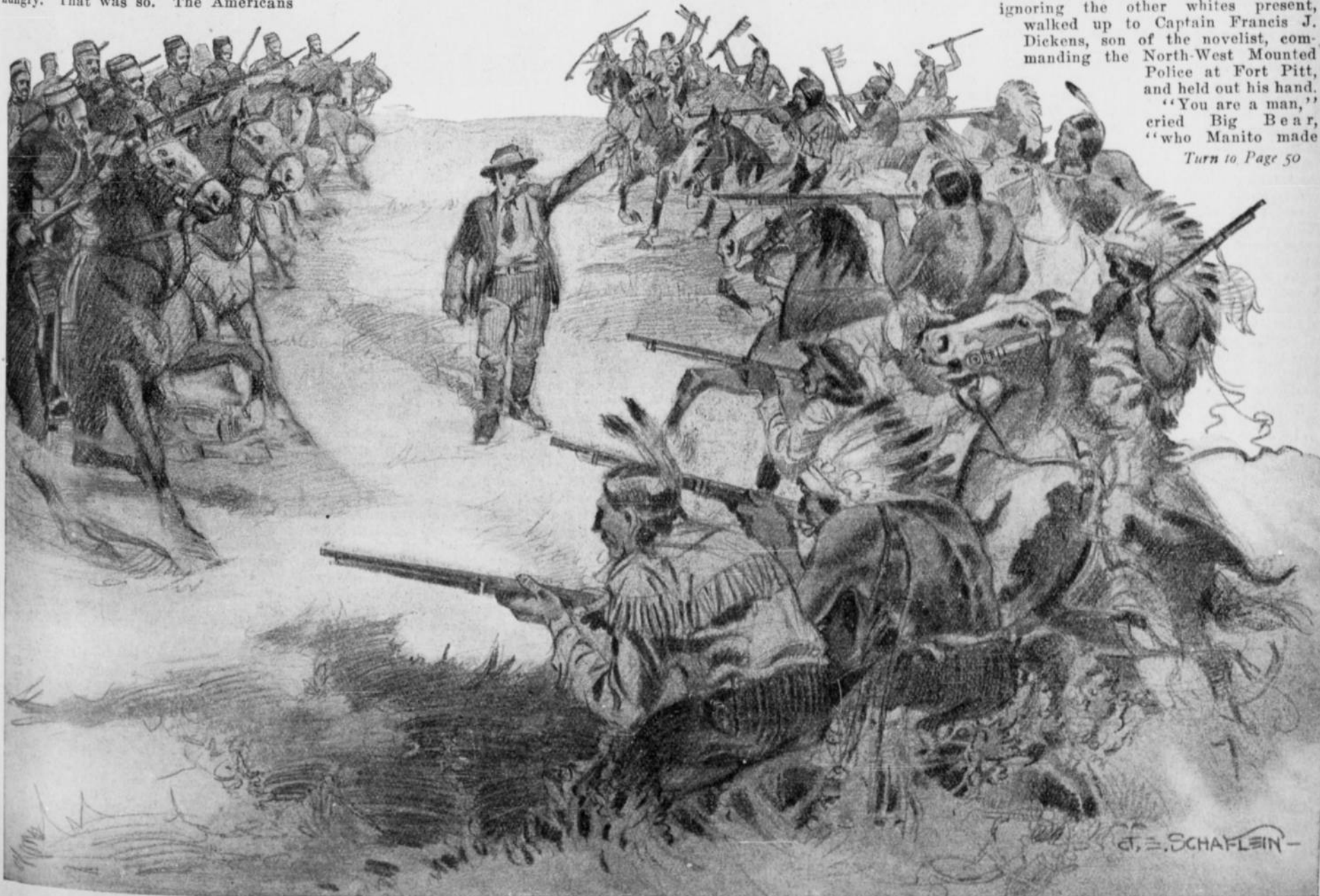
"Go!" he shouted, raising his arms. "Let him keep his peeecoonta money! Neeuk!"

And with yells of defiance the whole band swept out of the house, across the square and up the hill, firing their guns in the air as they went.

That afternoon the Indians danced the war dance and Big Bear made a speech. He attacked the government and the Hudson's Bay Company and ignoring the other whites present, walked up to Captain Francis J. Dickens, son of the novelist, commanding the North-West Mounted Police at Fort Pitt, and held out his hand.

"You are a man," cried Big Bear, "who Manito made

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McKay paced evenly up and down between the two rows of levelled rifles.





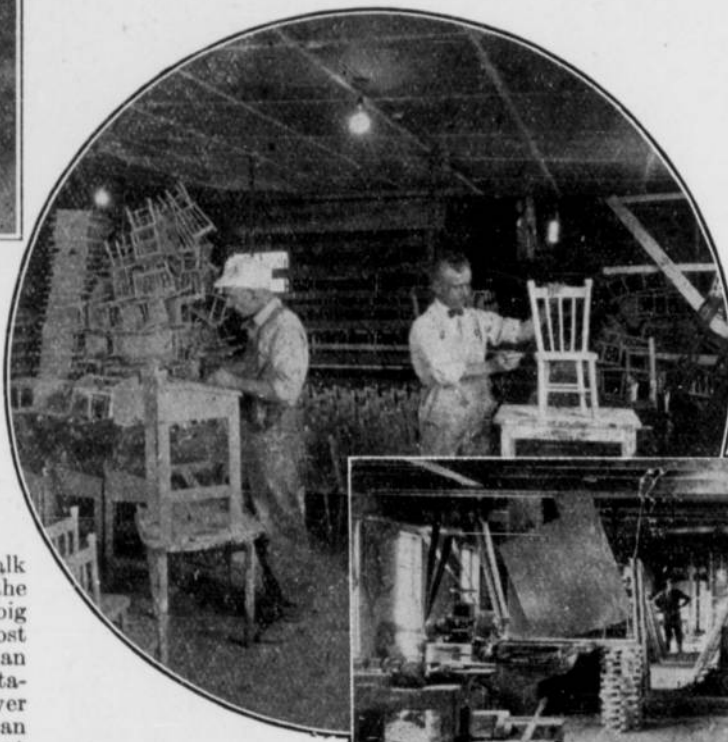
Mischief gleams in his glass eyes and pert ears are cocked to catch the sound of frolic. He is the pride of Santa Claus' English workmen.

# Inside Santa Claus' Toy Shop

An account of the almost unbelievable adventure of

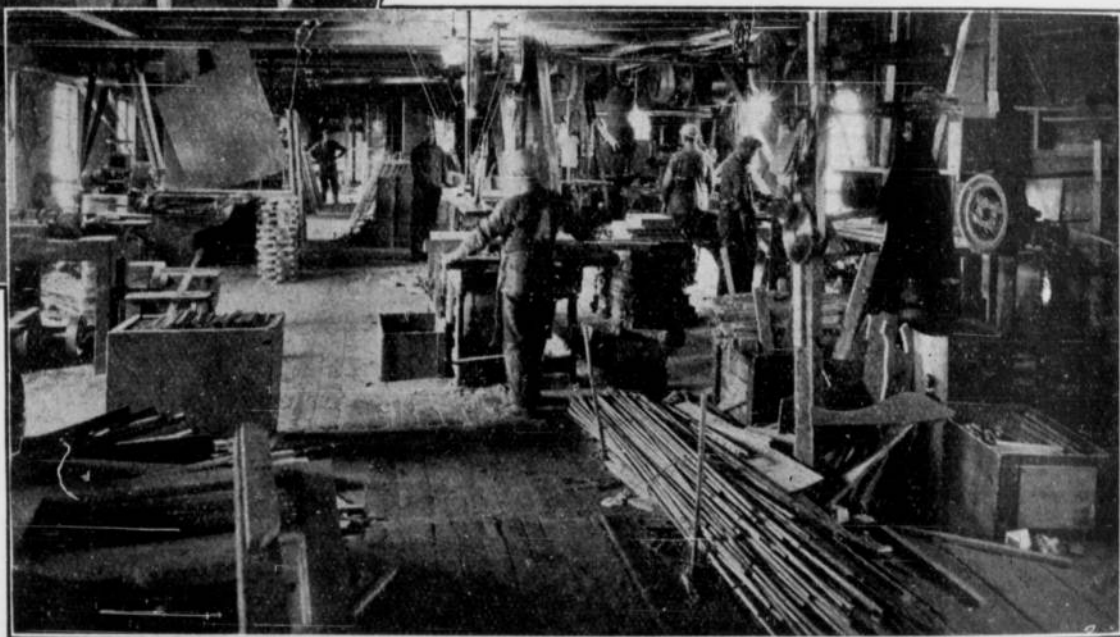
WILLIE LITTLE

As told to Keith Hall



Returned soldiers working for Santa Claus in a Winnipeg shop.

In the circle above they are painting playroom furniture. To the right is the carpenter shop in the same factory; at the time the photo was taken they were making rocking horses.



I'VE just come back from Santa's workshop! Of course, some of the bigger boys will say that's nonsense, there's no such place. You know how big boys talk. But don't pay any attention to them. If you could go for yourself and see the heaps and heaps of toys and things, and hear Old Santa talk about his workmen in every corner of the world you'd realize how ignorant big boys are who don't believe in him. Most of them have never travelled further than the next village. They'd think a catamaran was a vegetable, and they've never even heard of an Amplexus. How can they be expected to know anything about Santa Claus?

I'd passed Santa's workshop many times before but who'd ever have guessed what went on in those dingy old buildings, where you hardly ever see a living soul about. The railroad train goes right by it. If you've ever been to the city you must have seen it—a jumble of long wooden sheds and ugly little brick shops huddled every which way round a huge smoke stack as though they were all jostling for the warmest place.

Last Saturday I plucked up enough courage to peek through the sooty window pane, and what do you suppose I saw? Pouring lead out of a great long-handled spoon, was a little man with long legs, a hump back, and a shiny bald head—sure enough an elf. He beckoned with his long bony fingers for me to come in out of the cold, and there I sat by his roaring bellows watching that elfin workman cautiously carrying the great ladle full of fuming metal to the moulds, and leaping nimbly back to the forge again while ghostly shadows danced behind him in the smoky winter twilight.

Pretty soon Santa Claus came in. You'd hardly know him in his blue overalls and working boots. He walked in so briskly that I thought at first he was going to be cross at me for spying out the toys before Xmas day, so I was very careful not to ask any questions. That's how it comes about that I can't tell what he has for YOU, even though I've seen it. But when I said "Hello, Santy," his face lighted up with such a kindly smile that I could see he was pleased at being recognized in his workmen's get-up. He shook my hand just as he did last year at the Sunday School Xmas Tree entertainment and said:

"Now, if you are ready Willie, let's go and see the toys."

In the storeroom behind the elf's forge there were boxes and boxes of lead soldiers. Some were standing stiffly as though they were on parade; some dressed in khaki lav flat

on their tummies with rifles pointed straight ahead; some wore kilts and others were mounted on gay chargers. In one corner was a stack of lead Indians, and cowboys and mounted police. "These," said Santa Claus, "are the ones we make here in Canada. All other lead soldiers are made in England. English boys are very fond of their lead soldiers. They collect the different regiments from year to year, and arrange them in splendid processions. Canadian boys like to set their soldiers up and bowl them over with a wooden ball. No English boy would ever do that. He is too intensely proud of their fine uniforms to let them ever be humbled."

From there we went to a place full of small mechanical toys. "Most of these come from Germany," said Santa Claus. "Before the war, the Germans used to make more toys for me than probably all the other workmen in the world put together. For awhile they almost quit the business. Then gradually they began again, but they don't do as much for me as they used to, and I don't think they ever will."

"When war was on, the Japanese made a good many toys that I used to get from Germany, and everyone thought I would keep on getting them from Japan. But for these mechanical toys I had to go back to the Germans," Santa confessed. "The Japanese were splendid at copying, but they couldn't make new things. I'll tell you a story and you'll understand why I had to let my Japanese workmen go."

"When all the foolish toymakers of Germany were

fighting the foolish toymakers of England and France, I asked the Japanese to make me a few thousand of these bucking donkeys," and Santa commenced to wind up the spring which made the balky donkey kick, turned the wheels of the cart, and brought the old woman's cudgel down on the animal's back. "They copied them so exactly that they even printed

"Made in Germany" on the bottom of the cart! If I had given those toys out I would have been spreading an untruth, and how could I do that when I refuse to give presents to boys and girls who tell untruths?

"And that's the way it has been with all the toys they make for me: the Japanese have no new ideas for toys, so I don't get anything from them now except tea

of the head. "But people don't regard toys as they once did. Once upon a time they were satisfied to give kiddies a few trinkets that would last till the needles on the Xmas tree commenced to dry up and fall on the carpet. Nowadays sensible fathers and mothers ask me to give fewer toys, but to give ones that will last till Xmas comes again, and sensible boys and girls take more care of them."

The next place we visited was the doll house. "Course I didn't see much in it, but wouldn't my sister Mary have thought it a keen place! Dolls, dolls, dolls, of every size and description. Santa held up one big beauty all dressed in silk and said, "Here's a lady from Sonneberg, Germany, the toy capital of the world. No workmen the world over have ever been able to make china or bisque dolls like those who live in this narrow valley of the Black Forest."

"When the war was on, workmen in other lands made dolls' heads out of wood flour and glue pressed together when very hot. These composition dolls didn't have the beautiful glass eyes and the satiny cheeks that this one has, but

sets to give to little girls, and celluloid toys for the babies. You can understand why tea sets come from the land of tea. And here's the explanation for the celluloid rattles and balls; you can't make celluloid without camphor, and the Japs own all the camphor in the world. They'll sell it to their own toymakers cheaper than to those in other lands. So they make floating ducks for baby's bath and all these other celluloid things cheaper than anyone else can."

"But, as I was saying, for the general run of toys I had to give the Japs up. I was very sorry to have to do it. I talked it over with Mrs. Santa Claus and she agreed with me. She said Mrs. Pokerback would say we favored the Germans because we were originally German ourselves, but after all, we have to get the toys where they are cheapest so as to have the largest possible number to give to boys and girls."

From there we went to a place where there were stacks of automobiles and dump trucks, and tractors for farm boys, and mechanical trains and some that went by electricity—beautiful strong toys, just as much like the real models as it would be possible to make them. Santa Claus took one of the automobiles off the pile, put it on the floor and stood on the hood, but it never bent the metal nor marred the beautiful, black glossy finish. And you know what a chunk of a man Santa is! "The Germans made us confess that their small mechanical toys were the best in the world," he admitted, but for these toys we have to go to the Americans. Six years ago several American factories which were stamping out automobile parts discovered that people were going to be hard up and there wasn't going to be many cars sold for awhile. They had to make something else to keep busy. This is what Yankee brains turned out, and it's not likely anyone will ever take the business away from them."

"These American toys cost a lot of money," the old saint said with a shake

the people who made them hit on some new ideas that caught the fancy of little girls. For one thing, down in Toronto they commenced making dolls that could say "Mamma." Then in other places they made dolls with faces like a new born baby. Why, I've thousands and thousands of letters," Santa declared, "from little girls in Western Canada asking for new born baby dolls this Xmas. They'll be all the rage for awhile, but the old-fashioned German doll will always have first place in the heart of a girl. A girl's last doll is always a big one, and she won't be happy if it isn't one such as the Germans alone can make."

"Look at this one," Santa commanded; and he held up a pair of felt dolls, dressed in the pretty colors you see nowadays in the ladies most stylish hats. "These babies are Italians from Turin. Very expensive, but even the pup can't tear them, and did you ever see such lovely expressions in a face made entirely of cloth? Grown-up girls in the city buy them, and when they have made up their own beds, they set Miss Lenci up against the pillow."

"Here is the latest thing; a new born baby doll with a moveable tongue that will take and hold a rubber nipple. And over here—Willie! you're not paying any attention to me."

My face grew red as a beet to think that Santa had caught me wool gathering. He didn't scold me any more but he wouldn't show me another thing in the doll house.

The next building we went into was a long, low one, stacked high with games. There was crokinole and parchesi and dominoes, games my daddy used to play when he was a boy. There were carved chessmen from France, about the only thing France sends to our Xmas trees; and Lotto, which Piper McGonigle, our village policeman, calls "House."

"Grown up people," said Santa, "change their favorite game as often as they

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Miss Lenci is made of felt from top to toe, and is arrayed in this season's latest colors. She comes from Turin, Italy.



# Our Old England

I WENT to England to see the Tower of London and to take a suit of armour apart. By that I mean that I went to see the old, the mediaeval things, of which I had read ever since I was a boy, but had never had an opportunity of seeing: old castles, old armour, old relics of the days of chivalry. I wished to know whether my mental pictures of them were even approximately correct.

I achieved that desire. I climbed up and stumbled down the winding turret stairs, I walked along the ramparts and walls of many an old ruined and unruined castle, I saw the magnificent collection of armour in the tower, in Warwick castle and in Edinburgh castle, and in Llandudno, in Wales, in an antique shop, I took a suit of armour apart. This was a wonderful shop. The rear of it was filled with cases of the loveliest old china. Mrs. Graham worships old china, so does the keeper of that shop, if his prices are any criterion. As we entered the shop I noticed, behind the door a magnificent suit of fluted armour, so, while the proprietor and Mrs. Graham worshipped at the shrine of ceramics in the rear, I got behind the door and took that suit of armour apart. I am not at all sure that I put it all back correctly, but at least I found out what

*R. B. Graham's faith in England's future renewed as he contemplates the character that is enshrined in her traditions and is built into her edifices of stone and oak*

miles, with a repair bill of two shillings for fixing one puncture, and we sold it at the close of our trip at a loss of twenty-five pounds.

We went where we liked when we liked. We started in the morning when we felt like it and we stopped in the evening when we felt like it. We had no arranged itinerary, no fixed objectives. True, we usually had an idea each morning that we would be in some particular village or town at night, but we seldom were. We would be driving along a perfect road, where every hill we climbed, and there were many of them, every curve we turned and there were many of them, brought a new picture, not necessarily more beautiful than the one we had just seen, but just a little different, and we would see a guide post with one of those delightful

result of making those who read prouder than ever of that old land, which is not only the cradle of our race, but the fountain head of our laws and our traditions.

Those impressions began even before we left the boat. We sailed from Montreal on the C.P.R. boat Montcalm when the general strike had England in its grip. We lifted the coast of Ireland on the Saturday on which the strike was called off. Because there would be no trains running out of Liverpool until Monday, the company diverted the boat to Greenock and landed the Scottish passengers there. This, I need not say met with the hearty approval of all the Scottish passengers, who were not only saved a day's hotel bill in Liverpool, but their train fare to Glasgow. It also met with the equally hearty approval of the rest of the passengers who were saved the hotel bill and given a wonderful daylight run up the Firth of Clyde, through scenery so lovely, so varied, so new to us that we neglected even our meals rather than miss what was only a glimpse of one of the little white light-houses along the coast.

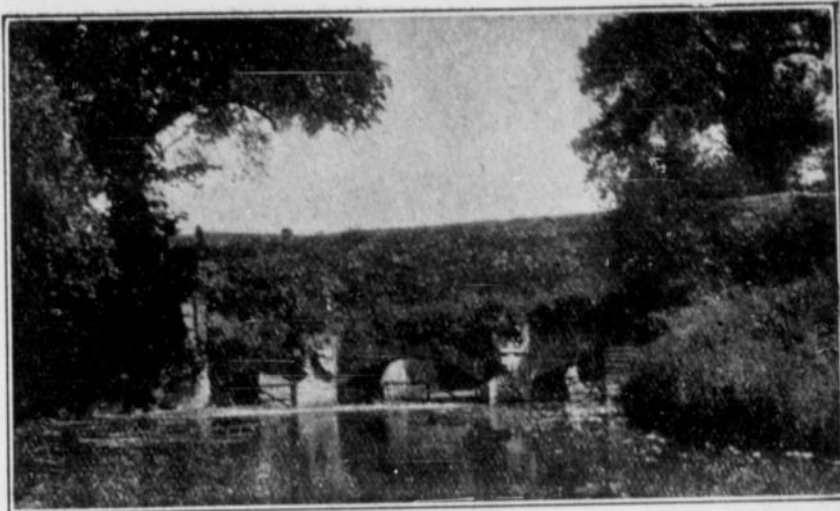
We anchored that night beside the battleship Hood. The following morning an American on

had the wonderfully good taste to make the towers which support the cables correspond in design with the towers of the old castle in the background, so that as you approach there is nothing apparently modern to clash with the effect of the old city walls and the ancient castle. As you leave the bridge, you pass under one of Edward's old gates and are immediately in front of the castle.

Conway is unique in that it has two courtyards. The first small one for defence only. Passing through this under another gateway and portcullis you enter a large and lovely courtyard. On the left were the stables, on the right the banquet hall. This must have been a very lovely apartment indeed. The roof was held up by eight Norman arches, two of which still remain. The windows on the side toward the yard were, in grace of form and loveliness of design, the equal of almost any of the lovely windows in the old cathedrals. The windows looking over the river, were, of course, mere arrow-slits. Nearly every room had its huge fireplace; the banquet hall had three, yet one feels that in the raw cold weather they were far from comfortable.

A few days later we saw Carnarvon, also in Wales. This was an enormous castle, covering acres and acres of ground. It consists of a large number of huge hexagonal towers connected by walls containing passages and apartments. For the purposes of the investiture of the present Prince of Wales, two of these towers with the connecting apartments were restored as nearly as possible to their original condition, and from them one gets an excellent impression of

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A sermon in stone.



Above: The cloister close, Salisbury Cathedral.

Right: A thatched cottage in Devonshire.

Lower right hand corner: Lynmouth Bridge.



double-jointed names, such as Chipping-Norton, Tedburn-St. Mary or Corsham-Regis. We would consult our guide book to see if there was anything of interest in Chipping-Norton, Tedburn-St. Mary or Corsham-Regis, and the result generally was that instead of reaching the place we had in mind in the morning, we spent the night at Tedburn-St. Mary, Corsham-Regis or Chipping-Norton, as the case might be.

We began our wanderings in May, when the wall flowers peeped from every nook, every cranny of the wall, when the wayside hedges were pink and white with hawthorne, when the rhododendrons rioted over the country side, when the horse-chestnuts dangled their cones of pink, when the laburnum was a cascade of golden stars and we finished among the roses.

Space forbids that I should attempt a chronological account of our wanderings through that lovely garden called England. I can only group together those things which made a similar impression upon my mind, knowing that the impressions made by my telling can be neither as pleasant nor as lasting as the impression made by the seeing, but hoping, yes even believing that at least what little I can tell will have the

deck, turned to the third officer of the Montcalm and asked him what the Hood was doing up there, and the officer replied that the authorities had probably feared disorders during the strike. "Well," said the American, "she's a damned efficient policeman." Now, in his own picturesque language that American "said a mouthful." For what, after all, is the British navy but a damned efficient international police force?

As the mediaeval things were what I desired most to see I will mention first the castles.

The first really fine specimen of an old castle I saw was Conway, in Wales, built by Edward the first. I think that the entrance to the town of Conway is the most lovely entrance to any town I saw. You cross the river Conway on a modern suspension bridge, but the designer of that bridge



I wished to know. How the helmet, the greaves, the cuisses, the gauntlets were put on and taken off, how the beaver and the visor were raised and lowered and the approximate weight of the suit.

The result of this fulfillment of a life-long desire was the shattering of an idol. I was reluctantly compelled to the conclusion that Sir Walter Scott was a liar.

Everyone has read Ivanhoe, so everyone remembers how Sir Brian du bois Gilbert, while clad in full armour caught up Rebecca in his arms, on the top of a burning turret of Torquilstone castle, ran down the stair, dashed out into the courtyard, sprang upon his horse with Rebecca still in his arms, galloped out over the drawbridge and escaped. Well, he never did it. The only way, Sir Brian could have brought Rebecca down those stairs in his arms was to sit on his shield, hold her on his lap and slide. When he got to the bottom he would be too giddy even to stagger out into the courtyard, and, as for springing upon his horse, well, I did not see any small portable derricks in any of the museums, but I think they must have had them for the purpose of mounting the knights, and the horse must have been a Clyde or a Percheron which might have achieved a lumbering trot, but did no galloping. However, I am going to believe everything that Sir Walter wrote about those old knights, just because I want to believe it. My faith in that regard may very well be described as believing what I know is not true.

Undoubtedly the best way to see a country is either to walk or to drive through it. Time limit and natural laziness forbade the former, so we drove. We bought a car, drove it five thousand



# A Xmas Present for a Lady

*That held the love of a man and a woman and a little child*

By MYRA KELLY



Teacher—  
Who was  
mistress of  
Morris  
Mogilewsky's  
heart of  
hearts.

IT was the week before Christmas, and the first-reader class had, almost to a man, decided on the gifts to be lavished on teacher. She was quite unprepared for any such observance on the part of her small adherents, for her first study of the roll-book had shown her that its numerous Jacobs, Isidores and Rachels belonged to a class to which Christmas Day was much as other days. And so she went serenely on her way, all unconscious of her swift and strict relation between her manner and her chances. She was, for instance, the only person in the room who did not know that her criticism of Isidore Belchatosky's hands and face cost her a tall "three for ten cents" candlestick and a plump box of candy.

But Morris Mogilewsky, whose love for teacher was far greater than the combined loves of all the other children, had as yet no present to bestow. That his "kind feeling" should be without proof when the lesser loves of Isidore Wishnewskey, Sadie Gonorowsky and Bertha Binderwitz were taking the tangible but surprising form which were daily exhibited to his confidential gaze, was more than he could bear. The knowledge saddened all his hours and was the more maddening because it could in no wise be shared by teacher, who noticed his altered bearing and tried with all sorts of artful beguilements to make him happy and at ease. But her efforts served only to increase his unhappiness and his love. And he loved her! Oh, how he loved her! Since first his dreading eyes had clung for a breath's space to her "like man's shoes" and had then crept timidly upward past a black skirt, a "from silk" apron, a red "jumper" and pretty string of beads to her "light face," she had been mistress of his heart of hearts. That was more than three months ago. And well he remembered the day!

His mother had washed him horribly, and had taken him into the big, red schoolhouse, so familiar from the outside, but so full of unknown terrors within. After his dusty little shoes had stumbled over the threshold he had passed from ordeal to ordeal until at last he was torn in mute and white-faced despair from his mother's skirts.

He was then dragged through long halls and up tall stairs by a large boy, who spoke to him disdainfully as "greenie," and cautioned him as to the laying down softly and taking up gently of those poor dusty shoes, so that his spirit was quite broken and his nerves were all unstrung when he was pushed into a room full of bright sunshine and of children who laughed at his frightened little face. The sunshine smote his timid eyes, the laughter smote his timid heart, and he turned to flee. But the door was shut, the large boy gone, and despair took him for its own.

Down upon the floor he dropped, and wailed, and wept, and kicked. It was then that he heard, for the first time, the voice which now he loved. A hand was forced between his aching body and the floor, and the voice said: "Why, my dear little chap, you mustn't cry like that. What's the matter?"

The hand was gentle and the question kind, and these, combined with a faint perfume suggestive of drug stores and

barber shops—but nicer than either—made him uncover his hot little face. Kneeling beside him was a lady, and he forced his eyes to that perilous ascent; from shoes to skirt, from skirt to jumper, from jumper to face, they trailed in dread uncertainty, but at the face they stopped. They had found—rest.

Morris allowed himself to be gathered into the lady's arms and held upon her knee, and when his sobs no longer rent the very foundations of his pink and wide-spread tie, he answered her question in a voice as soft as his eyes, and as gently sad. "I ain't so big, und I don't know where is my mamma."

So, having cast his troubles on the shoulders of the lady, he had added his throbbing head to the burden, and from that safe retreat had enjoyed his first day at school immensely.

Thereafter he had been the first to arrive every morning, and the last to leave every afternoon; and under the care of teacher, his liege lady, he had grown in wisdom and love and happiness. But the greatest of these was love. And now, when the other boys and girls were planning surprises and gifts of price for teacher, his hands were as empty as his heart was full. Appeal to his mother met with denial prompt and energetic.

"For what you go und make, over Christmas, presents? You ain't no Krisht; you should better have no kind feelings over Krishts, neither; your papa could to have a mad."

"Teacher ain't no Krisht," said Morris stoutly; "all the other fellows buys her presents, und I'm loving mit her too; it's polite I gives her presents the while I'm got such a kind feeling over her."

"Well, we ain't got no money for buy nothings," said Mrs. Mogilewsky sadly. "No money, und your papa, he has all times a scare he shouldn't to get no more, the while the boss"—and here followed incomprehensible, but depressing, financial details, until the end of the interview found Morris and his mother sobbing and rocking in one another's arms. So Morris was helpless, his mother poor, and teacher all unknown.

And the great day, the Friday before Christmas, came, and the school was, for the first half-hour, quite mad. Doors opened suddenly and softly to admit small persons, clad in wondrous ways and bearing wondrous parcels. Room 18, generally so placid and so peaceful, was a howling wilderness full of brightly-colored, quickly-changing groups of children, all whispering, all gurgling, and all hiding queer bundles. A newcomer invariably caused a diversion; the assembled multitude, athirst for novelty, fell upon him and clamored for a glimpse of his bundle and a statement of its price.

Teacher watched in dumb amaze. What could be the matter with the children, she wondered. They could not have guessed the shrouded something in the corner to be a Christmas tree. What made them behave so queerly, and why did they look so strange? They seemed to have grown stout in a single night, and teacher, as she noted this, marvelled greatly. The explanation was simple, although it came in alarming form. The sounds of revelry were pierced by a long, shrill yell, and a pair of agitated legs sprang suddenly into view between two desks. Teacher, rushing to the rescue, noted that the legs formed the unsteady stem of an upturned mushroom of brown flannel and green braid, which she recognized as the outward seeming of her cherished Bertha Binderwitz; and yet, when the desks were forced to disgorge their prey, the legs restored to their normal position were found to support a fat child—and Bertha was best described as "skinny"—in a dress of the Stuart tartan tastefully trimmed with purple. Investigation proved that Bertha's accumulative taste in dress was an established custom. In nearly all cases the glory of holiday attire was hung upon the solid foundation of every-day clothes as bunting is hung upon a building. The habit was econom-

ical of time, and produced a charming embonpoint.

Teacher, too, was more beautiful than ever. Her dress was blue, and "very long down, like a lady," with bands of silk and scraps of lace distributed with the eye of art. In her hair she wore a bow of what Sadie Gonorowsky, whose father "worked by fancy goods," described as black "from plush ribbon—cost ten cents."

Isidore Belchatosky, relenting, was the first to lay tribute before teacher. He came forward with a sweet smile and a tall candlestick—the candy had gone to its long home—and teacher, or a moment, could not be made to understand that all that length of bluish-white china was really hers "for keeps."

"It's tomorrow holiday," Isidore assured her; "and we gives you presents, the while we have a kind feeling. Candlesticks could to cost twenty-five cents."

"It's a lie. Three for ten," said a voice in the background, but teacher hastened to respond to Isidore's test of her credulity.

"Indeed, they could. This candlestick could have cost fifty cents, and it's just what I want. It is very good of you to bring me a present."

"You're welcome," said Isidore, retiring; and then, the ice being broken, the first-reader class in a body rose to cast its gifts on teacher's desk, and its arms around teacher's neck.

Nathan Horowitz presented a small cup and saucer; Isidore Applebaum bestowed a large calendar for the year before last; Sadie Gonorowsky

brought a basket containing a bottle of perfume, a thimble, and a bright silk handkerchief; Sarah Schrodsky offered a pen-wiper and a yellow celluloid collar button; and Eva Kidansky gave an elaborate nasal douche, under the pleasing delusion that it was an atomizer.

Once more sounds of grief reached teacher's ears. Rushing again to the rescue, she threw open the door and came upon woe personified. Eva Gonorowsky, her hair in wildest disarray, her stocking fouled, ungartered, and down-gyved to her ankle, appeared before her teacher. She bore all the marks of Hamlet's excitement, and many more, including a tear-stained little face and a gilt saucer clasped to a panting breast.

"Eva, my dearest Eva, what's happened to you now?" asked teacher, for the list of ill-chances which had befallen this one of her charges was very long. And Eva's wail was that a boy, a very big boy, had stolen her golden cup "what I had for you by present," and had left her only the saucer and her undying love to bestow.

Before Eva's sobs had quite yielded to teacher's arts, Jacob Spitsky pressed forward with a tortoise-shell comb of terrifying aspect and hungry teeth, and an air showing forth a determination to adjust it in its destined place. Teacher meekly bowed her head; Jacob forced his offering into her long-suffering hair, and then retired with the information, "Costs fifteen cents, teacher," and the courteous phrase—by etiquette prescribed—"Wish you health to wear it." He was plainly a hero, and was heard remarking to less favored admirers that "teacher's hair is awful softy, and smells off of perfumery."

Here a big boy, a very big boy, entered hastily. He did not belong to Room 18, but he had long known teacher. He had brought her a present; he wished her a

Merry Christmas. The present, when produced, proved to be a pretty gold cup, and Eva Gonorowsky, with renewed

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## Raisins and Currants

When the Australian Treaty was being negotiated in 1924, the Canadian Council of Agriculture passed a resolution condemning the arrangement insofar as it applied to raisins and dried currants. Under the terms of the treaty the general tariff on these articles was raised from two-thirds of a cent a pound to three cents a pound, while dried currants and raisins from Australia were admitted free. The resolution pointed out that since Australia supplied only a small fraction of Canada's requirements of these commodities the tax burden of the consumer would be increased at least \$1,000,000 annually by the new duties. It further called on the federal government to follow the policy, when making reciprocal trade agreements, of lowering the tariff instead of increasing it.

When this resolution was presented to Hon. T. H. Low, then minister of trade and commerce, he wrote a letter to the secretary of the council which contained the following statement:

What we have done is simply to offer Australia an advantage over other countries in this import. Her raisins and currants will come in free and should nearly replace those coming from other countries. I do not anticipate that there will be an increase in the cost to the public.

Mr. Low's prediction has failed to materialize in both particulars. At the present rate of increase Australian raisins and currants will continue to be a minor factor on the Canadian market for many years to come and the price to the consumer has been materially increased. The following table shows the value of currants and raisins imported from Australia and from all countries in the last three fiscal years:

	1925	1926	1927
From Australia .....	\$ 36,924	\$ 51,677	\$ 228,691
From all Countries ....	3,652,177	2,659,548	3,231,459

In the last fiscal year the value of these two products imported from Australia was only seven per cent. of the total. Trade figures show that in that year out of 4,609,481 pounds of currants imported 933,112 pounds or 20 per cent. came from Australia, while of the 39,497,420 pounds of raisins brought in only 824,691 pounds, or about two per cent. were Australian grown. Canada continues to get most of her currants from Greece and raisins from the United States.

As to the cost to the consumer, the economic research department of the Canadian Council of Agriculture has been informed by the trade that the increase in the general tariff of two and one-third cents a pound on raisins at port of entry becomes an increase of nearly five cents a pound when they reach the consumer. Importations of raisins for the last three fiscal years averaged 39,000,000 pounds a year. It is evident, therefore, that the council's estimate that the increase in the duty would cost the consumer over \$1,000,000 a year, was a very conservative one. Considering that in the last fiscal year the value for customs purposes of raisins imported from Australia was only \$121,024, it becomes apparent that the Australian raisin grower has benefited but little from the free access of his product to the Canadian market while the price of raisins to the Canadian consumer has been

increased by at least ten times the value of all the raisins imported from Australia.

## The Income Tax

The agitators against the income tax in Canada have been making much capital out of Secretary Mellon's proposals for income tax reductions in the United States. An examination of his proposals, however, shows that incomes of less than \$20,000 a year would not be affected. The reductions gradually increase from \$40 on a \$20,000 income to \$1,510 on a \$1,000,000 income; not a very drastic cut when it is considered that the tax levied ranges from \$757.25 to \$241,197.25 on the incomes affected. Mr. Mellon further proposed a reduction of the corporation tax from 13½ per cent. to 12 per cent., the repeal of the estate tax and some other minor exemptions and reductions.

But Mr. Mellon's proposals are too drastic for the ways and means committee of Congress. It has voted to retain the estate tax and all present income tax rates, contrary to the administration's recommendations. Apparently the reduction in the corporation tax is the only important one that will be allowed to go into the revenue bill now being prepared for presentation to Congress when it meets in December.

The ground is pretty well cut from under the feet of those who have been clamoring to have Canada follow the example of the United States in making further reductions in the income tax. Recently they received an unexpected blow from a source nearer home. The council of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution recommending the government at Ottawa to maintain permanently the income tax as a source of revenue. In support of this action the resolution stated among other things that the income tax was socially just and economically sound, that it was an economical tax to collect and that unlike indirect taxes it got home to the taxpayer. The fact that he pays direct taxes would make him much more likely to demand an economical use of his money. As the Financial Times points out, the Montreal Chamber of Commerce is mostly composed of men in business in a fairly large way, who know that if the income tax were reduced the money would have to come from other sources such as increased duties or business taxes.

Hon. J. A. Robb told the Premiers' Conference that last year the income tax yielded \$48,000,000, of which 69 per cent. came from corporations, which, though they have their headquarters chiefly in Toronto and Montreal, draw their business from all over the country. The question as to whether the income tax field belongs to the federal or provincial governments was also discussed at the conference. This is a question which remains to be settled, but in the meantime the Dominion finance minister will be well advised to hold his ground against the income tax slashers. The country needs the money and the big business men and corporations are quite able to pay it without any hardship whatever.

## The 1927 Royal

This year's Royal Show at Toronto has been something in the nature of a semi-centennial, celebrating the progress of agriculture since the scattered provinces of Canada joined hands. It is very gratifying to westerners to know that at such an exhibition, where the best that can be found in every corner of the Dominion meets for competition, western livestock and livestock products, no less than western grains, can establish a reputation for quality to match the growing volume of production.

Every section of the big show housing western products or stock had its quota of prizes, and so uniformly were these dis-

tributed that it is an invidious job to pick out the more noteworthy wins. To mention only two: our guess is that it will be a long time before any other exhibitor will walk away with every one of the four steer championships, as Prof. Sackville of the University of Alberta and his herdsman did at Toronto. Carl Roberts nearly equalled it by bringing back three Percheron championships to Manitoba from the same show.

One interesting feature of the Royal was the return of Ontario in the butter prize lists. For many years western butter has borne away the palm because in these provinces producers were encouraged, through cream grading, to send a superior raw commodity to the butter makers. For years public sentiment in Ontario held out against the principle of cream grading and was satisfied with butter of poorer quality. More recently grading has been established in that province and the results are abundantly evident in the competition at the Royal this year.

Another significant win was that of Wm. Pierce of Birtle, Man., who carried off the wheat championship with a new variety of wheat, Reward. This is the first time in a decade that such an important prize has been won by any variety of wheat other than Marquis. Most wheat championships in recent years have gone to Saskatchewan or Alberta, and there is a notion abroad that Manitoba's best wheat days are over. Mr. Pierce's victory, the second of the kind to come to the Birtle district, challenges this impression.

## A World Sugar Combine

A move of world-wide significance was made at a conference held in Paris, in November, when representatives from Cuba, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland, the world's chief sugar exporting countries, agreed in principle on a plan of restricted sugar production. The conference was called at the initiative of Cuba. Holland, which has large sugar interests centering in the Dutch East Indies, refused to attend but the Cuban delegate, Col. Tarafa, left Paris for Holland immediately after the close of the conference to endeavor to secure the adhesion of the Dutch sugar interests to the combine. The agreement which runs for a year and is renewable is left open for the signatures of all sugar producing countries.

Although the details of the agreement are pretty well guarded it is believed that Cuba undertakes to restrict her output from 4,500,000 tons to 4,000,000 tons. If the other parties to the arrangement restrict their output in proportion it will mean higher prices for sugar throughout the world. Doubts are freely expressed as to the success of the move. A large number of countries are engaged in sugar production which makes a worldwide cartel or combine difficult. Canada, for instance, imports raw sugar from some 15 countries and though Cuba is the largest individual source of this country's supply she furnishes only about one-fifth of our import requirements. An experiment in the international control of an agricultural product produced so widely will be watched with interest, particularly because an increase in sugar prices would be felt by practically everyone in the civilized world.

## Postponed Cruiser Building

The best news concerning disarmament that has come over the cable for many a day is that the Baldwin government has decided to postpone the construction of two of the three cruisers provided for in the 1927 building program. There has been a strong feeling, both in Great Britain and elsewhere, that the Baldwin government did not truly represent British sentiment in the discussions on disarmament that have taken place



during the year. A crisis in the situation was reached when Viscount Cecil resigned from the government as a protest against its attitude toward the League and disarmament. Supporters of the Baldwin government are now putting the best light they can on the situation by saying that the curtailment of the cruiser building program calls for greater reductions in naval armament than would have been required if the three-power naval conference had been successful. It is quite evident, however, that an aroused public opinion has had a salutary effect on the government's naval policy. The change again puts Britain in her rightful place as a leader among the nations of the world in the great cause of disarmament.

### N. S. Lords Abolished

The abolition of the legislative council in Nova Scotia recalls the stirring campaigns of Hon. Joseph Howe, that great tribune of the people who was the father of responsible government in the little old province down by the Atlantic. It was due to the courage and determination of Joseph Howe that Nova Scotia became the first self-governing colony in what is now the Dominion of Canada. Nova Scotia enjoyed responsible government when Ontario and Quebec were still under the domination of what was then known as the "Family Compact." But like most of the older provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia entered Confederation with a dual chamber legislative system which has continued until the present day.

The Nova Scotia House of Lords consisted of 21 members, and originally they were appointed for life, though more recently the term of appointment has been for a fixed term of years. The powers of the Nova Scotia House of Lords were much the same as those of the Canadian Senate and it was responsible to no one. When the people of Nova Scotia, a couple of years ago, turned out the Liberal government which had been in power for some 40 years, Hon. E. N. Rhodes became premier of the new Conservative administration. He immediately set himself to abolish the useless House of Lords. The members of the upper chamber refused to consider their own abolition and declared that the government had no power to abolish them nor curtail privileges which they enjoyed. The Nova Scotia Supreme Court divided equally on the question, but the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in October last decided in favor of Premier Rhodes' contention.

With the abolition of the upper chamber, Nova Scotia will save \$40,000 a year of the public revenues, and the elective chamber will now be able to legislate for the people without being subject to the veto and partisan interference of the antiquated upper chamber. Premier Rhodes has done a good piece of work for Nova Scotia. It is to be hoped that the administrative record of his government will be as progressive generally as it has been in the handling of this particular problem.

### Maritime Enterprise

A new spirit of enterprise and hopefulness is manifest in the Maritimes. The provinces down by the sea are not relying solely on the re-adjustments being made in implementing the recommendations of the Duncan Commission on Maritime Rights. They are taking stock of their great natural opportunities and are pushing forward in almost every field of their economic activity. The steel business is looking up and new records are being made in the output of coal. With the building of better roads the tourist traffic, attracted from the New England States by the great scenic beauties of the provinces, is increasing by leaps and bounds. A paper in Halifax recently boasted of the rapid increase in savings accounts and in

the amount of life insurance carried in the province.

A commission on fisheries, headed by Hon. A. K. Maclean, is now at work with the promise of excellent results. From information already secured it is evident that much can be done to improve the facilities for marketing that important product. It is also probable that, despite the fact that the Atlantic fisheries is the oldest industry on the continent, new sources remain to be discovered. A bed of scallops, a delicious shell fish, found within recent years near Digby, is now producing \$100,000 annually and the commission was told that there might be a dozen other such beds waiting to be located. Dalhousie University has established a faculty of fisheries to encourage research for the benefit of the fishing industry. It is amazing, considering what scientific research by educational institutions has done for agriculture, mining and forestry, that this should be the first faculty of fisheries to be established on the continent.

But it is in agriculture that the new spirit is mostly in evidence. A co-operative egg-marketing organization, patterned after the successful egg circles of Prince Edward Island, is now established with headquarters in Truro, from which both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are being served. It is encouraging production and has a great field before it, for Nova Scotia imports millions of dozens of eggs a year that might easily be produced within the province. Dr. G. C. Creelman, former president of the Ontario Agricultural College, conducted a survey of the agricultural situation in New Brunswick last summer and suggested many things that can be done, without great expense, to improve agricultural conditions in that province. The St. John Chamber of Commerce has held two conferences at which hundreds of farmers met with the business men of that city for the discussion of their mutual problems. Dairying has made rapid strides in the last few years; in Nova Scotia the output of creamery butter last year was 4,764,807 pounds, while this year it is expected to exceed 5,000,000 pounds.

Altogether the outlook for the maritimes is more promising than it has been at any time since the clipper ship ruled the high seas, when Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had a great shipbuilding industry and together ranked seventh among the nations of the world as ocean carriers.

### Agricultural Efficiency

The Census Bureau reports that in 1926 there were 248,168 occupied farms in the prairie provinces, which is a reduction of 7,489 since the previous census of 1921. During the same five years there has been a considerable increase in the area of land under cultivation. The wheat acreage increased during the five-year period by 2,415,441 acres and nearly all other agricultural production has increased during the same period. At the same time there has been an increase in rural population, due in some measure no doubt to the employment of a larger proportion of permanent farm help.

Various causes contributed to the decrease in occupied farms. The sharp decline in farm prices which set in about 1921, and the disastrous liquidation of the livestock industry would affect it considerably. The sale of land at boom prices and on small initial payments no doubt was another factor. During the past three years on the other hand, there has been a steady movement towards the enlargement of farm holdings. The high price of wheat in 1924, and the somewhat lower, though still profitable prices since then, have encouraged the operation of larger acreage. The sale of farm machinery has risen rapidly and the advent of the "combine" in the past two seasons

has been a new feature in harvesting. It is now estimated that there are more than 500 combines in use on the prairie and its efficiency indicates a steady increase in its use. At the outbreak of the world war, the normal wheat crop on the prairie was around 200,000,000, while now about 400,000,000 bushels is regarded as a normal crop. There is still a large area of land available for producing wheat and other crops while the opening up of the Peace River country will still further increase the crop area. With reasonably good prevailing prices expansion will be steady. At times different parts of the country will sustain crop failures, but over the great area general failures would seem to be a thing of the past. Wheat production on the prairies is one of the main factors in the prosperity of the whole Dominion and promises to continue so for many years to come.

### Women Senators

The Supreme Court of Canada is now charged with the delicate problem of deciding whether a woman is a "person" under the terms of the British North America Act and consequently eligible to be appointed to the Senate. The women of Canada have claimed the right of appointment to the Senate as they now have the right to be elected to the House of Commons. The law officers of the Crown have studied the British North America Act very closely and it is their opinion that a woman is not a "person" under the terms of that Act. The Dominion government, however, has decided to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to decide the question.

If the Supreme Court decides that a woman is a "person" the problem is solved. If on the other hand they find that a woman is something else rather than a "person," then, under the present constitution no woman may be appointed to the Senate until there is a constitutional amendment. If such a constitutional amendment is required we have an idea there will be no difference between the two parties in the haste with which they will pass the request to the British government to have that constitutional amendment made. No party would care to put itself in the position of being so ungallant and also run the risk of losing a large number of votes by opposing the appointment of women to the Senate. If such a constitutional amendment has to be sought, however, it would be a fit and proper time to have other constitutional amendments made looking to a reform of the Senate and bringing it more into line with modern legislative bodies.

Maximillian Harden, the great German journalist, is dead at the age of 66. His admiration of the great Bismark was only equalled by his detestation of the ex-kaiser and all his works. From the time when Wilhelm, early in his reign, dropped the old pilot, until his abdication at the close of the war, Harden's satirical pen was constantly busy denouncing the Hohenzollern and his war lords. During the war his criticisms were widely quoted in the press of the Allied countries. Since the establishment of the republic he was very critical, though with less justification, of the new form of government.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade is urging that a Winnipeg man should be appointed to the railway commission to fill the vacancy created by the statutory retirement of Commissioner Boyce. We can readily agree that a western man should be appointed but we think that it is time that the agricultural industry should be given some recognition. Agriculture pays the larger part of railway freight rates and is not represented on the board, while labor has been represented for some years and Eastern Canada has always been over represented.



# Looking On at Ottawa

*With a revitalized Conservative Opposition and the Farmer Groups to prod Liberalism into action the government will not go far wrong*

By M. GRATTAN O'LEARY

THEODORE Roosevelt used to say that the right time for discussion of public affairs was not during a period of political turmoil but during a period of political tranquillity. It was in times of political placidity, he held, when the public was apathetic, and not during periods of political conflict, when the electorate were alert, that most wrong to the nation was done. It may not be out of place, therefore, to intrude upon the existing calm with a brief survey of the underlying situation.

In beginning such a survey, the first admission that must be made—and it is made by the most hide-bound Conservatives—is that, superficially at all events, the King government has done well. It has done well administratively, and politically, too. A little over a year ago when, after having just missed disaster almost miraculously recovered, there were few to do it honor. In the confusion and blurred thinking of that extraordinary period between July and October of 1926 Mr. King had beaten Mr. Meighen, but, remarkable though the victory was in very many respects, the new government did not emerge with any great prestige. It has gained prestige since. The prime minister may be assailed upon many grounds, and his policies be successfully attacked, but the fact remains that he has, on more than one notable occasion, exhibited rare political sagacity, a skill in handling men and events which confounded his critics almost as much as it astonished his friends. He has surrounded himself with a few young and able men who have done very well, and who promise to do better. He has been shrewd enough to follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier's old policy of leaning upon the advice of "key" men of marked ability in various parts of the country. He has been able to make concessions to the left of his party without antagonizing the right; and vice-versa. The popularity of his party is, so far as can be seen, unimpaired in Quebec. And he has dealt successfully with the grievances of the mar-

Yet, notwithstanding that, and despite that with the departure of the British Prince and Premier, Mr. King took a further rest, he turned up at the Inter-provincial conference (which he largely organized) and was quite familiar with its subjects. How or when he studied them, or how and when he keeps in touch with the political and administrative duties of his office, is one of the riddles of Ottawa. It is a riddle that is making an increasing number of people ask whether, after all, they had not underestimated Mr. King. Administratively, too, the government has done well. Canada may not be as prosperous as some statistics indicate, for statistics, unless they are analyzed in all their aspects, may be deplorably misleading. But Canada, let it be admitted, is a paradise compared with what she was when Mr. King took office in 1922. Mr. King, we may be sure, is not wholly responsible for the improvement. There have been a succession of good crops; forests, fields and mines have yielded fabulous riches; war problems and costs have receded; and there have been other things. Yet the Government did its share. It gave the National Railways the leadership that has rescued them from being a dreadful drain upon the treasury. It showed skill, and not a little courage, in reducing taxation. It has

made improvements in the national finances. It has reduced, and is about to further reduce, the national debt. For these



The clamor of the wards and the patronage seekers have no terrors for Col. Ralston.

things, let it be given credit.

Some members of the cabinet, too, have shown high capacity. Mr. Robb, though not nearly as wise as he looks, would be an asset to any ministry. In intellectual distinction, in sheer brilliance, he is probably the least able finance minister that Canada has ever had. His strong point is his solidity. He has what too many politicians lack—common sense to an uncommon degree. Not wealthy enough to be a worshipper of St. James Street, and not poor enough to be a Demagogue, he is a real middle-of-the-road politician who tries to see the viewpoint of the average man. On the platform he is shy, modest, almost clumsy, yet tremendously effective. The reason is that instead of trying to invest his subject with a mysterious jargon of finance, he talks out in a bluff sort of way and in a language that the people understand. And, taken in the gross, he has done well. He has kept the patronage hounds of his part pretty well in check; has returned to the wholesome principle of surpluses; has reduced taxes, and this year, with a promised surplus of \$50,000,000, will be able to reduce them further. Not many of his predecessors have had a better record.

Two of the Ontario ministers—Euler and Malcolm—have shown marked capacity. Malcolm is perhaps the more showy of the two, and certainly the more verbose, but Euler has the greater ability. When he took over the customs department, it was honeycombed with red tape and inefficiency, and suspected of things more sinister. In less than a year he has made it into the most efficient, most active and most business-like department of the gov-

ernment. If revenue returns are greater today than they were this time last year or the year before, it is not entirely because of increased prosperity. In a large measure it is because, under a reorganized department of national revenue, taxes are being collected.

Ralston, as minister of defence, has been one of the finds of post-war politics.

There is about this man a detachment from small partizanship, a good humor, and a philosophy of public life that is wholly refreshing. He has none of the traditional Mairtimer's fondness for patronage and rhetorical politics. A lawyer of distinction who could step out of the cabinet tomorrow and immediately improve his financial position, the clamor of the wards and the patronage seekers have no terrors for him, while, allied to that advantage, he has a civilized type of mind and a broad-gauged outlook that make him a real addition to politics. Two years ago, in the event of Mr. King's retirement, the choice of his successor would have rested between Mr. Dunning and Mr. Lapointe. Today it would be unanimous for Ralston.

## Mr. Dunning's Position

Mr. Dunning's position is slightly clouded. No one doubts his ability, both as parliamentarian and administrator. Yet he is not the figure in Ottawa today that he was a year ago. Marking his declension, there are those who think that Mr. Dunning, when he first came to Ottawa, was in too much of a hurry. In some of his early clashes with Mr. Meighen he shared the almost common lot of those who marched thoughtlessly to combat with that incomparable warrior; and these lowered his prestige. But there were other things. There were rumors that Mr. Dunning, in those rather dark Liberal days of July, 1926, thought that he could fill the shoes of the prime ministership better than Mr. King, that he had confided his thoughts to some of his friends, and that these, after a way they have in Ottawa, transmitted the thoughts to Mr. King. Whether the story is true or not I am not prepared to say, but, whether true or otherwise, Mr. Dunning lost the ear of the premier. Once lost, such things are hard to recover. And while Mr. Dunning has more than once shown a disposition to go to Mr. King in sack cloth and ashes, the end of his purgatory, judging from the frequency with which Mr. Gardiner is summoned from Regina to Ottawa, is not yet.

Taken in the gross, however, the ministry is not a weak one. It is not a brilliant cabinet, and it is not a crusading cabinet, but it is a practical and fairly competent cabinet. Its performances, perhaps, fall short of Mr. King's glowing promises. Its tariff policies have thus far failed to win more than mild disapproval from St. James Street; it has been rather



Mackenzie King may be assailed on many sides, but he always seems to come right side up.

feeble in dealing with such questions as immigration and the development of a national fuel policy; and it has left some things undone, and done some things that entitle it to little credit. Nevertheless it is far from being barren of achievement, and only extreme partizanship could condemn it without at least a further test by another session.

But if the government is stronger than it was at this time last year, so also is the Conservative opposition. Following the last election, one of the outstanding Conservatives of Canada wrote this to a Montreal senator:

"I can see no reason why the Conservative party can expect to return to power for two or three parliaments. We are largely smashed as a party in the prairie provinces. We have made no inroad into a solid Quebec. The Maritimes are in a state of flux, ready to support a government that will seriously consider and help them in their difficulties. I believe it will be a mistake to plan for the work of the party in hope that it will speedily return to power."

## A Symptomatic Wail

This wail was symptomatic of the whole party's morale. Struck down within sight of the promised land, Conservatism was crushed, demoralized. And as so often happens when an army is beaten and in flight, the jealousies and the treacheries that had been held in check by hope of office, were unleashed in a hateful fury that threatened a chaos not only bad for Conservatism but bad for parliament and the country. But the demoralization didn't last. In a party, as in a country, to quote Adam Smith's

famous phrase, there is a lot of ruin, and the worst that the most ugly cowardice of the wreckers could do could not destroy the rank and file of the party. An organization that represents 1,400,000 voters is not easily extinguished.

The story of Conservatism during the past five years is certainly one for tears. It was led by a man who, incontestably, was incomparably superior to his contemporaries in intellectual capacity. What ever other legacy or name



Hon. J. A. Robb is a straight middle-of-the-road politician who tries to see the viewpoint of the average man

## Credit Where It Is Due

The astonishing thing is that, despite this aloofness, Mr. King appears to have his hand upon everything that goes on. When, during the summer, he was not in his mountain cottage, away from everything and everybody, he was making speeches about Confederation, or with Mr. Baldwin or the Prince of Wales.



# Building For The Future

The Pool member is a shareholder in the largest producers' co-operative marketing association in the world. For the first time in history an organization has been built up by the farmers and run by them which is sufficiently powerful to give the wheat farmer a voice in the selling of his crop. Under the old system of marketing grain all the profits went to private individuals. Under the non-profit Pool plan the farmer gets what the consumer pays, minus only the proper marketing charges.

Under the Pool system, control of the marketing machinery, the country elevators, terminal elevators and transfer houses, is rapidly passing where it belongs, into the hands of the actual producers. Over nine hundred and twenty country elevators, with a total capacity of over thirty million bushels, and ten terminal and transfer elevators, with a total storage capacity of over twenty-five million bushels, are now owned or controlled by the Canadian Wheat Pools.

The non-Pool farmer is standing aloof from the world-wide co-operative movement. He is out of step with the march of the times. Instead of joining with his neighbors to help each other by marketing all their grain the co-operative way, the non-Pool farmer turns his grain over to the enemies of the Pool.

In business and commercial circles in Canada, with the solitary exception of the grain trade, and in the countries of the world where the bulk of the Canadian wheat crop is marketed and where the influence of the Pool on the price received by the producer is admitted by all, even by the grain trade, there is amazement at the fact that there should be any farmers in Canada with grain to sell who are not members of the Pool. There is, of course, not a single good reason why any intelligent farmer should turn his grain over to the trade to be sold in competition with Pool wheat.

There is hardly a farmer outside the Pool who will not admit that the Pool has brought about a vast change for the better in agricultural and business conditions in Western Canada, but the non-Pool farmers do not realize how their short-sighted attitude is hurting themselves as well as all other grain-growing farmers. In the selfish hope of beating the Pool price, which in the long run no farmer can succeed in doing, the non-Pool farmer is trying to gain a temporary advantage over his neighbor, while the Pool farmer is building for the future welfare of his neighbor as well as his own.

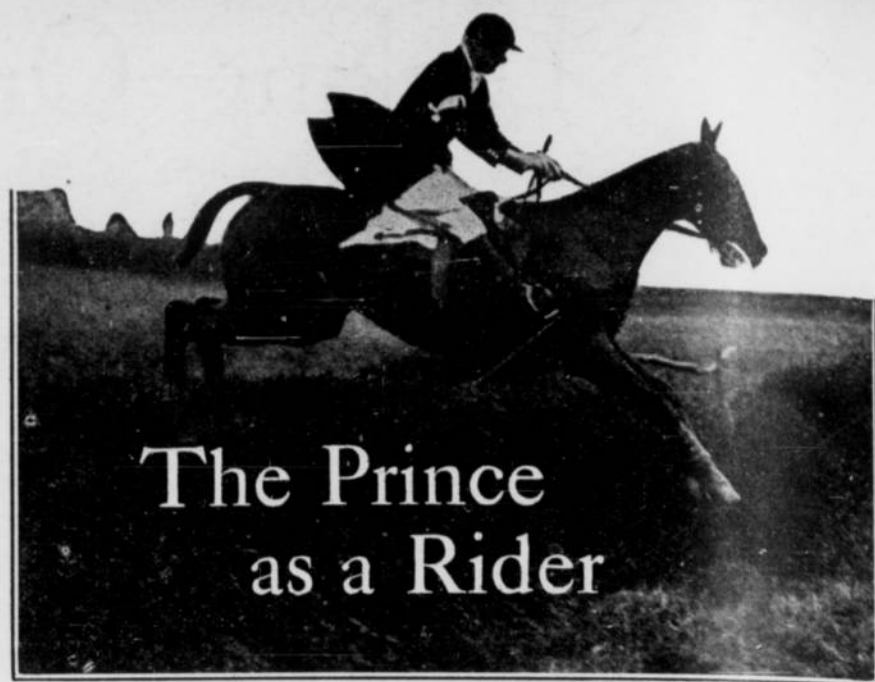
The past year has been another year of progress and triumph for the Pool, which is now firmly established as the dominant power in the grain marketing field.

The next year can be made still more successful as more non-Pool farmers learn to co-operate with their neighbors instead of competing with them and build on the firm foundation of co-operation for the future prosperity of their industry and their country.

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## The Prince as a Rider

The Royal rider clearing a jump in fine style.

THE Prince of Wales' horsemanship is so frequently discussed, that a writer who signs himself American Observer has written an article in a recent number of the American Review of Reviews to set his fellow countryman right as to the Prince's ability as a rider. He admits at the beginning the difficulty for those who live on this side of the Atlantic to understand the conditions of hunting and steeplechases for Englishmen:

"There are over 180 'recognized' Hunts in England with an active following probably five to ten times as large as the aggregate of all American Hunts. But this is not all the difference. In England, the local Hunt is a community institution; everyone in the countryside takes a personal interest in it. Where the topography of the country allows, a score or more of foot people as well as the field of mounted riders will be following the hounds; the butcher and baker and tailor are as keen on the sport as the pink-coated riders. Farmers and farmers' boys come out in their black coats, and on their shaggy horses are as enthusiastic as the best-turned-out aristocratic member of the Hunt. When the hounds jog through the narrow village streets on their way to the Meet, the entire population is on hand to observe them with admiring, sympathetic—indeed proprietary—spirit.

"Fox-hunting and steeplechasing and cross-country racing are true community sports in England to a degree practically unknown on this side of the Atlantic, and the people at large know and discuss the technique of the game as Americans never do outside of the small number of fox-hunting enthusiasts. The point is insisted on because it has a strong bearing on the Prince's extraordinary popularity with Englishmen, women, and children in every walk of life, and particularly, one might say, in the middle and lower walks of life.

"Coming more specifically to the Prince's ability as a rider, American readers, unacquainted with fox-hunting and steeplechasing, have, after reading

reports of the Prince's falling, construed the episode as one in which the royal rider took the initiative in falling. What happened, of course, was that the horse fell—a matter inevitably frequent with a bold and plucky rider in the 'flying countries' of Leicestershire. When one's horse jumps a hedge-and-ditch to strike a boggy or slippery place, plowed land, or the like, and comes down sprawling, it is obvious that the law of gravity will not be suspended for even a Royal rider, and that he must of necessity come down with his mount.

"It is so simple a matter as this that has laid the utterly false foundation for thousands of quips concerning the Prince's horsemanship. He is, as a matter of fact, one of the boldest and pluckiest of riders in the hunting field, almost always 'on top of the hunt' and ready to take anything that looks jumpable standing between him and his love—the love of every true hunting man—of keeping with the hounds while they are sweeping on with their 'line.'

"Such a keen and ambitious rider, galloping over the Leicestershire fields and jumping the scores of hedges and ditches as they come—"riding straight"—is the hunting phrase—must now and then come to grief; it is an inevitable feature of the game. Scent is best, and hounds are running fastest in most English hunting countries, when there has been plentiful rain. This makes

the chances for getting a slippery or sticky take-off or landing most strong when the pace is fastest. When the Prince's horse goes down through some mistake the animal has made, or through some unavoidable accident, the newspapers make much of it and it is cabled to America. When one of the other two or three hundred riders does the same thing, we hear nothing of it.

"Last March, in a forty-five minute 'burst' with the Quorn Hounds (Leicestershire) between forty and fifty falls came off, or about one a minute on the



The Prince of Wales on a spirited mount which he rode in a race at Arborfield.

average. The Prince, by the way, was in this run, but did not happen to contribute to this high average of tumbles. It is to be said, in case a layman wonders why the Prince should be allowed



to take such risks, that falls over the English hedge and ditch obstacles are as a rule not so dangerous to the rider as falls over American rail fences and stone walls. In the English midlands and in most of the other transatlantic hunting fields, one falls on more yielding and less stony ground and from a lesser height, as the horse is generally jumping more width and less altitude than in America. In the swift holocaust of tumbles in that big Quorn run, no serious casualties were reported, out of the two-score or more of falls.

When the Prince of Wales is in Leicestershire, he generally appears in the hunting-field three or four days in the week. He hunts often there with the Quorn and the Belvoir, two of the most famous Hunts in England. When he is out, the field of riders is always increased, running up to 250 or 300. He generally wears the regulation pink hunting coat—last spring it was always of course the high, strong hunting hat, one that recorded much honest wear—and which everyone affects except the master, hunt servants, grooms, and farmers. This top hunting hat is a very serviceable and valuable article. Many a skull has been saved when riders and on their heads or when they are clobbered by struggling horses. On occasions, the Prince appears in a plain black coat. Although always turned out in workmanlike style, he is farthest from the typical Leicestershire hunting landy.

"As he joins the big field of riders at the Meet, men who know him raise their hand in informal salute exactly as they would with one another, or answer his similar greeting. If a boy or a rough countryman holds a gate open for him, the Prince is ready and sincere with his thanks, more so than the average rider.

"With the Hunt galloping away, he is all for boldness and enthusiasm, and is generally one of the half dozen or so who lead the way out of the great crowd striving for a forward place. He is ahead, however, simply by virtue of his nerve and dashing riding; he takes his place as one of the several hundred fox-hunters and takes his chances with the rest of them.

#### English Riding Style

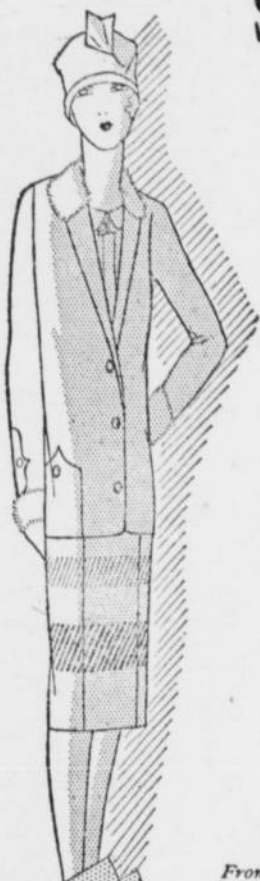
"The Prince rides in the style affected by most Englishmen, sitting much more upright and taking a stronger hold of his horse's mouth than do good American riders, who use the 'forward' seat and drop their hands before the horse 'takes off' at a jump. There are certain reasons why this 'old English style' of riding is considered by a majority of Old World riders as more suitable to English conditions, reasons which lead into deep waters of technique and controversy. At any rate, probably nineteen out of twenty English riders use this style, and their horses are so accustomed to it that they will not perform properly when handled in the typical American hunting manner.

"Accepting this English style as the technique of the country, as one must, the Prince appears unquestionably as a first-class rider who has no more than his share of mishaps, considering the many daring chances he takes. He goes strong and fast and straight, and does not care to ride any horse that does not feel the same way about it. He even insists on horses that 'take hold' with a will. His mounts are always quipped with plain snaffle bits, instead of the 'double' bridles which help a rider so much more to curb a pulling horse.

"The true picture of the Prince on horseback shows a quiet, unassuming, courteous and kindly young man, a capable and vigorous horseman, whose youth and high spirits bubble over as soon as hounds 'go away' and who is then on his way to keep with them if horseflesh can possibly make the grade.

"These characteristics of the Prince of Wales are felt and sympathized with by everyone in England. Not only the pink-coated fraternity, but everyone has a smile and an admiring word for the friendly and plucky young Royal fox-hunter. Indeed, perhaps nothing in generations has done more to bring the institution of British royalty close to the hearts of the common people, than the Prince's enthusiasm, gameness and kindness in the hunting-field."

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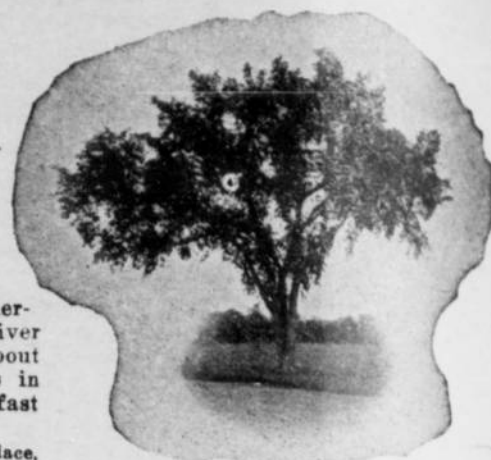
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I WAS going to call it *Ulmus Americana* until I thought of what Oliver Wendell Holmes had to say about it. You will find his remarks in *The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*:

I want you to understand in the first place, that I have an intense passionate fondness for trees in general, and have had several attachments to certain trees in particular. Now, if you expect me to hold forth in a scientific way about my tree loves—to talk, for instance, about *Ulmus Americana*, and describe the ciliated edges of its samara, and all that—you are an anserine individual and I must refer you to a dull friend who will discourse to you on such matters. What should you think of a lover who should describe the idol of his heart in the language of science, thus: Class, Mammalia; Order, Primate; Genus, Homo; Species, European; Variety, Brown; Individual, Ann Eliza; Dental Formula:

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and so on.

No, we shall call it the elm, the American elm with its stately, vase-like form so widely known and loved. American in this case does not carry its restricted meaning. The American elm belongs to three nations. It grows naturally as far south as Mexico and as far north as trees are needed. Its roots grasp the soil of three nations and its branches shade the streets of three capitals.

Who from Eastern Canada or the Atlantic States does not remember the elm as it stood in the bush, its stem as straight and round as a Greek column; or the urn-shaped specimens that now stand like sentinels in field and pasture, or along fence rows, adding distinction and charm to the landscape? These last belong to a younger generation of elm trees. Some day they may attain their full stature, like the giants which have gone; but young people who are now growing up do not know what a full grown tree looks like.

Last winter I ran across an account of a monster elm that had been cut in Grey County, Ontario, near the town of Thornbury. The illustrations, made from snapshots sent by Frank Ruthven, who helped fell and haul the monster, give some idea of how this old king of the forest looked after he fell. He was 140 feet high and seven feet across the stump. A few blocks were sawn off the butt which was quite irregular, and then he made five logs. The butt log scaled 1300 feet and the next one only 25 feet less. The five logs scaled 5,367 feet and the rest of the tree yielded 25 cords of stove wood. The logs brought W. S. Dinsmore, the owner, \$240. A modest estimate of \$60 for the wood brought the value of this one tree to \$300. The logs were sound to the heart.

What a story this hoary old monarch could have told us if we knew the language of trees! He was probably a

sturdy sapling when Columbus discovered America. He waved his branches in sight of the Georgian Bay generations before the Great lakes ever met the gaze of the white man. He counted his age by centuries, when, in 1649, the Iroquois made their last fierce attack on the Hurons and, across the bay, in what is now the northern part of Simcoe county, inflicted their hideous tortures on the devoted Jesuit missionaries, Brebeuf and Lalemant. He was an aged giant, waiting for the death stroke when the hardy pioneers pushed into the wooded wilderness around him eighty years ago. Countless thousands of his neighbors fell to the axe of the settlers but he was passed by. The smoke of burning fallows was wafted through his branches as they slashed and logged and burned, and as the small clearings, with their little patches of potatoes and wheat planted among the stumps, gradually grew into fields and cultivated farms. The pioneers passed and their sons took their places, and their sons took their places. The third generation born on the surrounding farms was reaching manhood and womanhood when at last the hills around resounded to the crashing fall of the colossus, whose peer in size and age probably no longer stand in Old Ontario. For those which the axe of the pioneer spared, have nearly all been felled for lumber or blown down as the protecting forest around them disappeared and exposed them to the gales.

But the elm will not disappear. In the east natural seedlings are coming up, some of them now of good size, and they are to be seen everywhere. In the West it is a favorite, both on account of its graceful form and its extreme hardiness. There are elms on the banks of the Red River three feet through at breast height. In countless shelter-belts, and along streets in western cities, thousands of them have been planted and are flourishing. Professor Jackson, of the Manitoba Agricultural College believes that the elm will attain its full life of 300 or 400 years or more in this western country. Some day our great grandchildren may see them stand, rivalling in stately grandeur the old monarchs who lorded it over the surrounding forest in their favorite habitat, the wooded hills and bottom lands of the Atlantic watershed.



Laid low at last.

This old monarch, which grew in Grey county, Ontario, was felled last winter. It was seven feet across at the stump and the butt log scaled 1,300 feet. Few of its like remain.

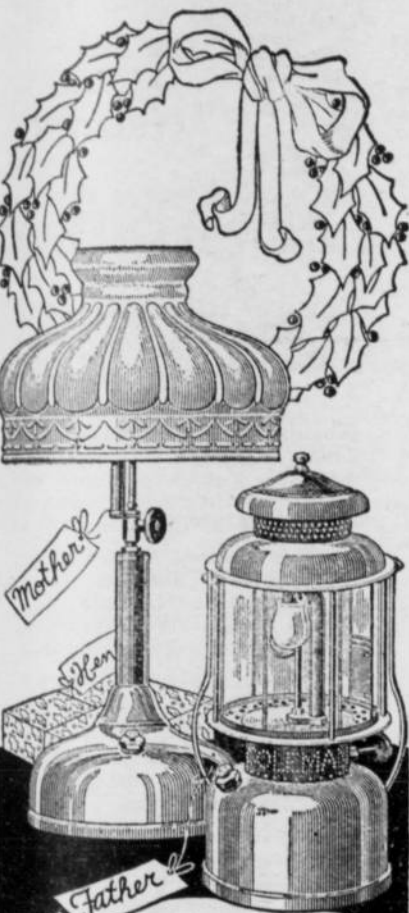


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## Wheat Pool Operations

Review of last year's business

STATISTICS covering the operations of the wheat pools to date have been released for publication. The following table shows the amount of the 1926 wheat crop marketed through the three pools:

	Production	Handling
Manitoba	51,667,000	16,208,625
Saskatchewan	218,643,000	119,459,478
Alberta	113,120,000	45,302,139

The estimates of production are those of the Federal government. The amount retained on farms for seed and feed have, of course, to be taken into consideration.

The operations of pool country elevators are shown by the following figures:

	No. of Elevators	Bushels Handled
	1926	1927
Manitoba	30	57
Saskatchewan	592	720
Alberta	42	157

Average handling per elevator, in 1926-27 was: Manitoba, 188,000 bushels; Saskatchewan, 136,000 bushels; Alberta, 117,487 bushels.

As a result of the year's operations the Manitoba pool added \$448,319 to its elevator reserve and \$291,694 to its commercial reserve. The Saskatchewan pool added \$2,389,750 to its elevator reserve and \$1,591,491 to its commercial reserve and the Alberta pool \$885,747 to its elevator and \$510,854 to its commercial reserves. The operating costs per bushel was 0.803 cents in Manitoba, and 0.45 cents in Saskatchewan and Alberta. The central's expenses amounted to one-fifth of a cent per bushel.

The grand totals at which the reserves now stand in the three provinces are as follows: Manitoba, wheat elevator reserve, \$1,088,415, commercial, \$524,071; Alberta, wheat elevator reserve, \$2,231,131, commercial, \$934,780; Saskatchewan, elevator reserve, wheat, \$5,924,714, coarse grains, \$281,304.26, total elevator reserves, \$6,206,018.26; commercial reserves, wheat, \$3,256,063, coarse grains, \$106,951.71, total commercial reserves, \$3,363,014.71. All reserves in Saskatchewan now equal \$9,569,034.35 which, with accumulated interest brings the amount to over \$10,000,000.

### Terminal Capacity

The capacity of the terminals now controlled by the central is 2,100,000 bushels; of those controlled by the Alberta pool, 5,300,000 bushels and of those controlled by the Saskatchewan pool 18,075,000 bushels. The total handlings of the Saskatchewan pool terminals for the crop year 1926-27 were 75,791,075 bushels.

During the year the central sold 77,947,199 bushels of wheat in the domestic market and exported direct to other countries 124,135,308 bushels. Shipments were made direct to 24 countries through 60 ports. The bushels shipped to each country are given as follows: United Kingdom, 50,152,558; Ireland, 1,220,000; Germany, 10,424,000; Holland, 13,423,454; Belgium, 10,280,781; Italy, 14,584,547; Sicily, 120,000; Sardinia, 140,000; North Africa, 560,000; South Africa, 32,000; Mexico, 300,000; Malta, 16,000; Portugal, 1,952,000; Spain, 168,000; Greece, 1,816,000; Argentine, 40,000; Brazil, 520,000; Sweden, 1,480,000; Norway, 320,000; Denmark, 690,000; Latvia, 64,000; France, 8,119,411; China, 1,289,729; and Japan, 6,422,828.

### Deliveries and Sales

The report of the directors of the central selling agency gives the following table, showing deliveries and sales by months during the year:

Year	Deliveries Bushels	Sales Bushels
Carryover 1926	10,319,764	10,417,555
15-30 Sept. 1926	28,484,500	14,814,308
October	26,434,164	20,481,982
November	43,131,886	20,123,190
December	23,245,397	17,319,700
January 1927	17,154,266	13,714,785
February	9,695,512	14,552,133
March	8,966,533	15,662,517
April	7,386,050	21,774,818
May	14,610,541	14,290,607
June	5,322,172	7,349,960
July	13,623,951	17,131,482
August	1,103,340	14,449,470
September	23,402	7,418,971
Carryover 1927		209,501,478
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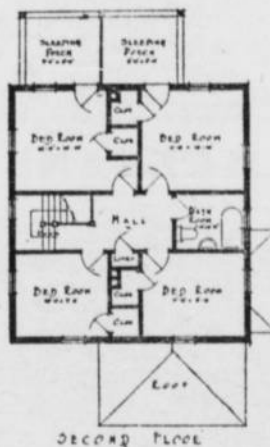
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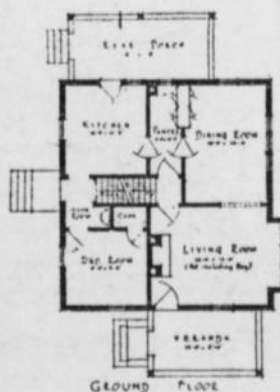
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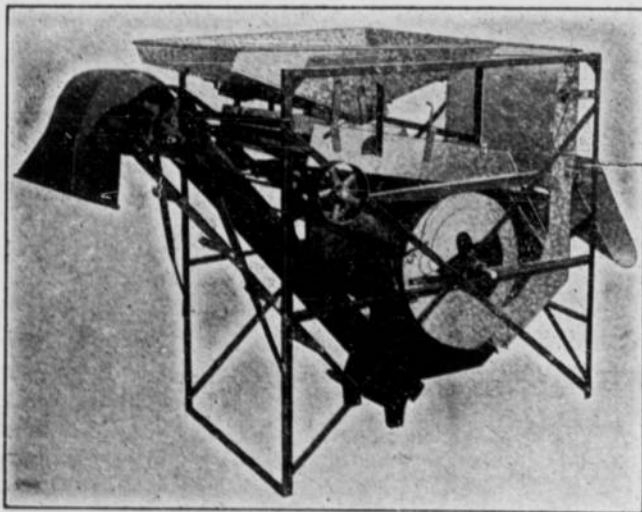
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**S**PEAKING about homesteading experiences, let me tell of an incident in our pioneering.

We came to Alberta in 1912. We could not get any government land near civilization, so we bought a quarter-section in Vegreville district—supposed to be one of the best in the province. Neither of us had any experience about farming in a Canadian way, so we lived very close to starvation the first two years. There was very little to sell for cash and credit was hard to get on twenty-six acres of broken land.

Christmas came the first year of our farming and with it memories of a far away home in the city of Rotterdam, Holland. We had to get some money to buy at least a small sack of white flour for Christmas bread.

### Most Likely Source

After discussing all possible means, my husband decided to get a coyote pelt and sell it. In trapping he was inexperienced, so he decided to bait it and shoot it at the bait. He heard about a dead horse in the vicinity, went with team and axe and brought home a frozen quarter. We threshed that summer about 300 yards from the farm buildings. In the straw pile my husband dug out a comfortable hole, covered it on top with poles, straw and snow, leaving only a small opening from the direction of the house. This opening he closed after him with a suitable bundle of straw. He put the horse meat on the south side of the straw pile, about 12 or 15 yards away. In the south wall of the hole, on the top of the straw pile, he left a "window" through which, during clear moon nights, he could see any animal approaching the bait. He went into his "watch den" about 8 p.m., and the first night, towards 11 p.m., I heard a sharp rifle report in our sleeping room, so I got up and waited impatiently till he came with a nice prairie wolf. My, I could scarcely speak because the joy of having some money for the pelt nearly choked me. The price list from the fur dealer promised anything from \$6.00 up.

I was so thrilled with the prospect and the idea of getting a few more coyotes, that, when my husband started to tell me how careful the wolf was in approaching the bait, how difficult it was to get the aim at it, etc., I offered next night to go with him on the straw pile and see the whole thing for myself.

### In the Straw Stack

That evening I laid our first baby snugly to bed, and, taking two horse blankets we went into the "watch tower." It must have been about 40 degrees below, because no matter how close we sat to each other, our hands and feet were numb with cold. It was so quiet, no wind, that we heard every noise of distant cracking poplars, even the breathing of our only cow, (that wintered in the pile, as we had no barn yet). Suddenly we heard some animal cracking frozen snow and approaching towards the bait. We could not see it in the distance, but we heard distinctly its walk.

In a few minutes a wolf's silhouette was dimly discernible, about 25 yards in front of us. It stopped, apparently smelling us or the cow. Then it started to circle the straw pile. The first circle was very cautious and distant. Yet we heard it. The next was closer, about the same distance as the bait. We dared not breathe at all when the animal started the third round close to our feet. The pounding of our hearts must have been heard for miles—but somehow, the coyote left his suspicion to the winds, trusting apparently that the cow was the only disturber, and started for the bait.

The moon was full and made the crouching and chewing animal fairly visible, but when my husband tried to aim, the glitter of the barrel of his rifle made it difficult for him to aim. The wolf did not remain long at the bait, however, but jumped off, ran a few paces, smelled and sniffed, then started again to chew the frozen meat. Finally my husband aimed at the spot where the black bait lay, and when the

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## The Jokesmiths

Wise-cracks and gags bought and sold like other articles of consumption

ALL of us have snickered at the comic lines thrown on the silver screen, or rocked with laughter at the skits of vaudeville comedians, without giving much thought to the means by which Hollywood and Broadway collect their never-ending stream of humor. Walter Winchell tells us something of it in the October Bookman. We discover from him that the unobtrusive jokesmiths, about whom nobody ever hears, are just as much a part of the vast organized business of entertainment as the comedians whose faces on the billboards are recognized by millions of juveniles, young and old. He tells us something of the way in which the wise-crackers market their wares, and their endless struggle to protect copyrighted jokes. Most of the personalities in Mr. Winchell's article are unknown to Guide readers, but his anecdotes are worth repeating.

His article starts by recounting the moment when the flippant retort "applesauce" was born. Time was when no vaudeville bill was complete without the couple who swapped this gag: "If you had 11 apples and 12 horses, how would you divide the apples evenly among the horses?"

To which the "straight man," or comedian's partner, would respond: "I don't know, Ignatz. How would you divide 11 apples among 12 horses?" "Why, you simply make applesauce!" was the answer, and if the auditors didn't fall out of their chairs at that joke then the next generation employed the old tag line to squelch a braggart or an opinion in which they didn't concur.

### The Birth of a Wisecrack

So great an army of entertainers employed this applesauce gag that it became the butt for derisive comment. "At the Palace Theatre, New York, in 1925," says Mr. Winchell, "an out-of-work actor was engaged in giving a long-winded and transparent explanation why a man of his genius happened to be out of employment." "Applesauce," interjected one hard-boiled customer among his listeners, as a way of intimating that this kind of hard luck yarn had about as much novelty as the threadbare joke. And right there another wisecrack was born. The flapper incorporated it in her repertory of "sassy" answers, the collegian passed it along to his fellow townsmen, and within a few days it had travelled from ocean to ocean.

Often a wisecrack becomes popular enough to make an entire "popular" song. "Yes, we have no bananas!" sold more sheet music than any other ditty. The creator of that line was T. A. Dorgan (Tad) whose cartoons are famous. Tad employs it to this day in the corner of his sports pictures, and it is invariably placed in the mouth of a mouse or a roach. Tad never received any recognition for the line from the music publishers, who made several hundred thousands of dollars on the pattern. "A pair of obscure song writers took advantage of the popularity of the crack," says Mr. Winchell, "fashioned a ridiculous lyric around it, to which they added a melody which the Salvation Army is famous for, and bang! the greatest song hit ever known was published."

### It Turned the Sale

Perhaps the best known jokesmith in the East is a wit who is neither an actor or a newspaperman. He is a lingerie salesman, by name, "Pitzie Katz." He is a household word in the mercantile business, and was formerly a vaudevillian. He fortunately possesses that necessary essential known as personality and can keep his prospect interested in his amusing tales if not in his line of merchandise. One of his first sales, they say, brought \$30,000 and the buyer was a New Orleans merchant who succumbed on one joke. The gag offered by Katz was one about Mrs. Finklestein, who was dying. She summoned her husband to the death chamber and said: "Max, darling, I'm dying. So I sent for you, Max, dear; I want to make a confession. I've been unfaithful to you."

"You're telling me!" replied Max indifferently. "Why do you think I poisoned you?" Numerous stage wits, including Al Jolson and Eddie Cantor, seldom purchase stage material because "Pitzie" Katz and other admirers keep them supplied with their latest stories. Another Katz contribution was the gag concerning the

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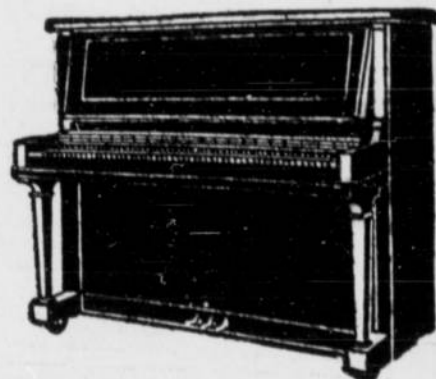
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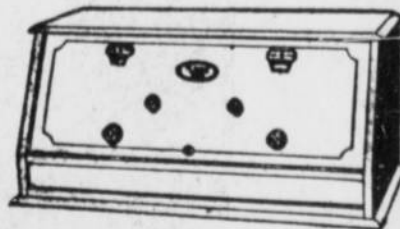
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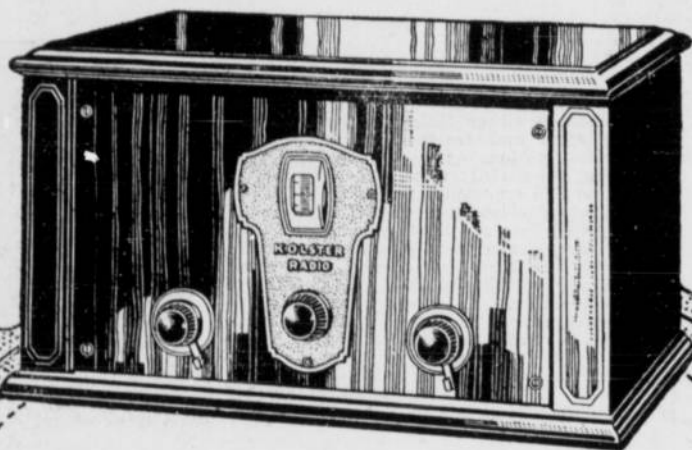
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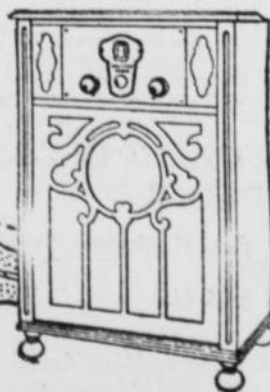
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## The Grain Growers' Guide

Rosenbaums. Mr. R. was reading the Jewish paper, "Yi-yi-yi." He y-y-yied, "It says here in de paper dot in Toikey was wracked the Horiental Haxprass, killing seven t'ousand Toiks and one Jewiss travelling salesman!"

"H'mmmmm," groaned Mrs. Rosenbaum, "de poor fellow!"

"Probably the highest paid gag man in the cinema business," says Mr. Winchell, "is Ralph Spence. He supplies Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Dick Turpin. He is supposed to possess the greatest collection of amusing stories in the world, which he uses now and then to fit a situation. He has a staff of several former newspapermen, who read almost everything and clip for scrap books anything that may be rewritten for a film."

Another Hollywood jokesmith is Wilson Mizner, about whom the following story is told. Before going to California, Mizner was engaged in real estate promotion in Florida. Following the sale of certain lands he was hailed into court on a charge of fraud. On the stand his attorney asked him:

"Did you ever tell this man he could grow nuts on this property?"

"No," replied the wit. "I didn't tell him he could GROW nuts on it, I told him he could GO nuts on it!"

When a rising young jokesmith ceases to hand his brain children around promiscuously and keeps them for sale, he becomes what is known in the profession as a "gag miser." Such a one is Bert Hanlon, and one of the gags he sold to Phil Baker for \$100 is told in the language of Baker and his "plant," Sid Slivers. It is unfolded something like this:

Slivers: "My brother can stay up in a balloon for days and days."

Baker: "That's against the law of gravity."

Slivers: "I know, but he went up before the law was passed."

One of the wags, Joe Frisco, affects an impediment in his speech because he can get a bigger laugh with it. Once when he was telephoning a girl friend in a pay station booth, a friend said to him when he was pausing for the connection: "How is it you don't stutter now?"

"This is a long distance call," came back the answer.

Will Rogers, Bugs Baer and Irvin S. Cobb all come in for a little attention from Mr. Winchell. He tells one story about a cartoonist's dinner, in New York City, at which Mayor James J. Walker introduced Cobb something like this: "You lads who make a living with your pens now listen to a man who makes his by his brains."

Cobb's introductory remarks on this occasion was the one about the Hebrew who refused to pay fare for his little son on a trolley. "He's only four years of age," said the father.

"Well, he looks eight!" growled the conductor.

"Can I help it if he worries?" was the retort.

Incidentally Mayor Walker is a bit of a wag himself. But he enjoys offering the old stories. His favorite yarn concerns a former hod carrier who struck it rich and went on a holiday for a fortnight in the South where he suddenly died. At his funeral two old cronies were mourning over his remains.

"Sure and don't he look healthy?" said one Irishman.

"Why shouldn't he?" answered the other. "Didn't he jist come back from Palm Beach?"

"That's a bewhiskered one."

Mr. Winchell closes his article with a Hebrew story which once got him into trouble. The story was one about a pants presser who amassed sufficient coin of the realm to move to a select residential section of the city where he hoped to raise his son free of the family dialect. He responded to a magazine advertisement which guaranteed to remove all speech imperfections within six months, providing the parents and the friends agreed not to see the child during that interval. The proposal seemed fair and the son underwent the cure.

At the end of the term the father called at the school.

"Nu," he beamed, "how is gattink along my leetle son?"

"Splandeed," replied the professor. "Hizz doong dandy."

Mr. Winchell was accused by another wisecracker of having "lifted" this from him, whereas he confesses that it is an old joke revamped from a British comic paper. In the original story the son had a lisp.

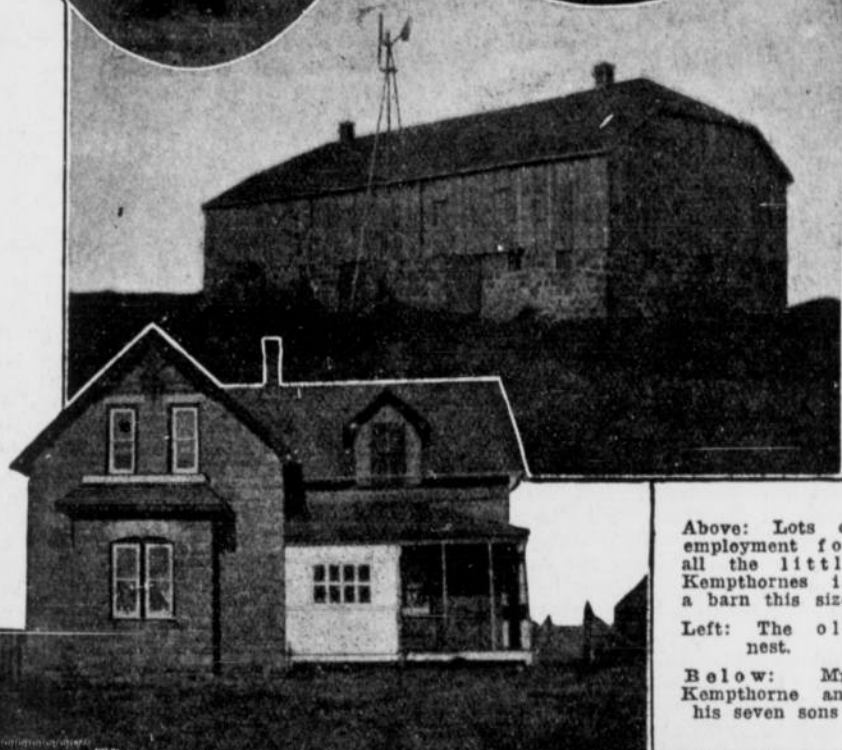


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Below: Mrs. Kempthorne; the heroine of the piece.

In circle: Grandmother Kempthorne, hale and hearty at 89.



Above: Lots of employment for all the little Kempthornes in a barn this size.

Left: The old nest.

Below: Mr. Kempthorne and his seven sons



**A**N old subscriber of The Guide, T. J. Kempthorne, of Desford, Man., dropped into The Guide office the other day and remarked "I see you had Jim Harrison and his seven boys in The Guide a while ago. I want to show you that he isn't the only farmer that has seven boys" and he produced the picture of himself and his seven sons shown above. After congratulating him, the editor asked if he only grew boys in his district. "Oh, no, it's just as good a place for girls as boys" and he produced another picture showing his six daughters which is also shown here. Mr. Kempthorne was born in Devonshire, England, was brought to Ontario with his family at two years of age, and homesteaded on his present

farm in 1890 where all of his children were born. Five of his sons are farming on their own in the Boissevain district, two of them were overseas. Two boys are still helping their father farm the home three-quarter-section. Mr. Kempthorne runs a mixed farm, cows, pigs and chickens and grows durum wheat. He says cows were his salvation in the lean years as they have been the salvation of southern Manitoba.

The pictures of the boys and girls were taken about five years ago, and the 13 children are all living. Two other children died in infancy.

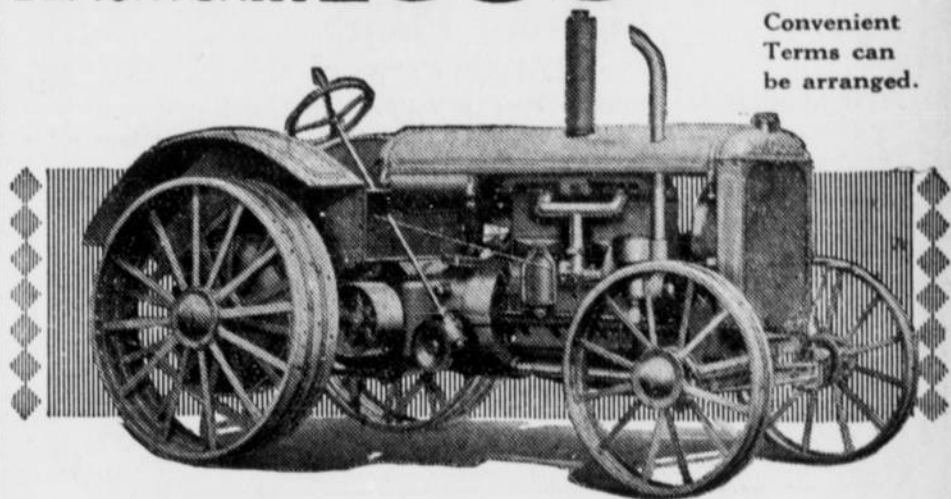
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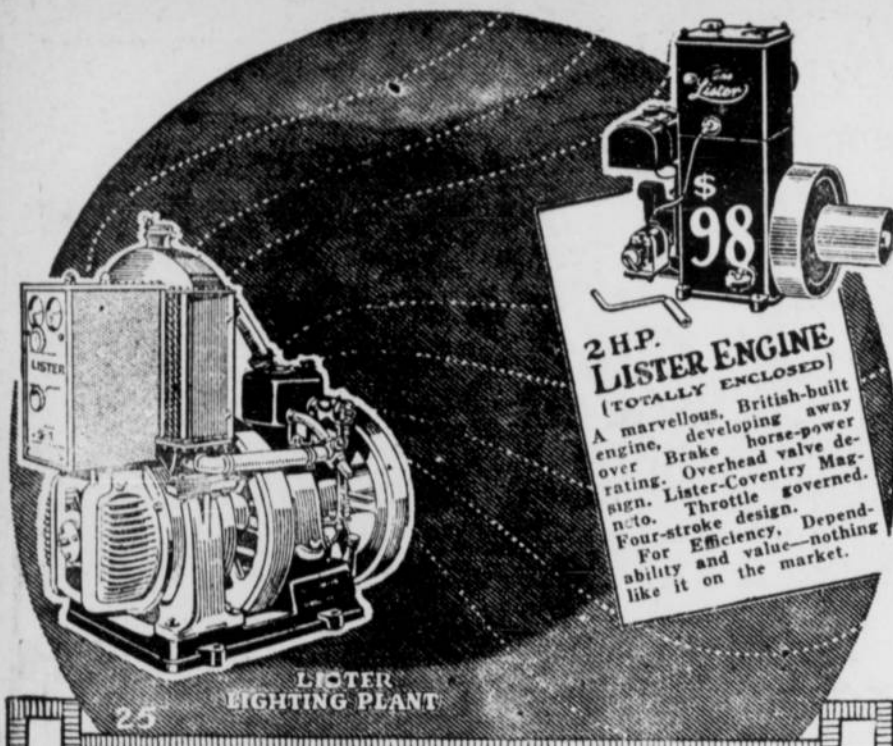
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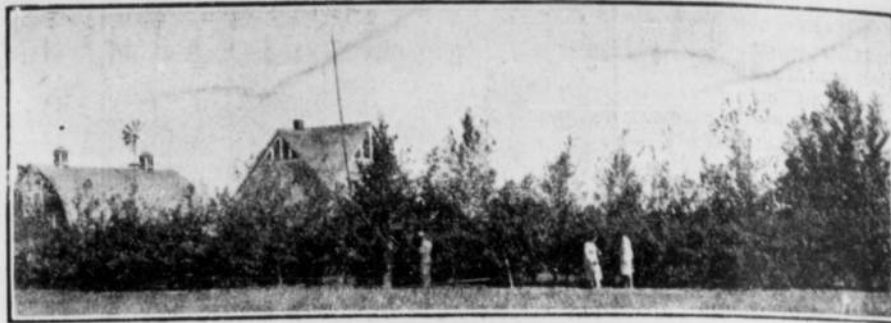


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Ten years after the trees came from the forestry station. The farm home of Fred. Heron, Shackleton, Saskatchewan. This is not the place referred to in the article for it already has its running water and electric light. But it is typical of the real farm homes that are springing up on the prairie. There are children in it too.

## A Visit to a Farm Home

*To those who live there it is the centre of the universe*

THERE are some days that seem to stand out in the memory. Nothing startling may have happened to mark them out from other days, but some impressions gained seem to stamp themselves indelibly on the mind. Last June there was such a day for me, and the occasion was a visit to a farm home—a real farm home.

The house was only part of this home, but it was the heart of it. Through it and from it radiated lines of interest—interest in each member of the family and in relatives and neighbors; interest in the growing things; interest in the farm animals, in the school and church and the great outside world. To those who live in this farm home it is exactly at the centre of the universe.

The house wasn't very pretentious, but it was comfortable. There was a furnace to provide against the chilly frosts of winter; if all goes well, running water will be put in next spring. In a year or two, if crops are good, an electric light plant may be installed. There was a living-room. It hadn't any of this newfangled plush furniture decked out with cushions made to look at, but there were comfortable chairs and a couch with cushions made to sit on. Over in the corner there was a table with quite a few books and some current magazines on it. The busy housewife tried to keep things neat and tidy. But when I went in, she picked up a small stray jacket that had been hurriedly discarded and left in the middle of the floor. She did not notice one small boot, with a well worn sole, lying on its side under the couch.

For there are children in this farm home. They were not particularly clean, but they were particularly happy. Hidden away in the closet upstairs there were pink frocks and jackets and Sunday hats, alright to go to church in or to the fair, but too superfluous for everyday wear. I imagine how stiff and uncomfortable the children would look in them, each sunbrowned faces looked better as I saw it, with no more shade than that provided by an old cap. And the bare feet seemed very happy out of their prison cells.

Among the pictures on the wall was the enlarged photo of a young man in uniform. "That's uncle Willie; he was killed in the war," volunteered one of the young ones. Hung there the picture needed no inscription.

"A Heap o' Livin' in it"

There was a spare bedroom for the occasional visitor and other rooms, the room where the younger children were born and the room where the older children slept—rooms secluded from the gaze of the visitor and sacred to the family. Eddie Guest said "A house ain't a home till there's a heap o' livin' in it." This one was only eight years old, but there had been "a heap o' livin' in it."

Around the house there were trees; monstrous trees 25 feet high. The farmer and his wife well remembered the day those trees arrived, hundreds of them, in a sack the shape of a leg of mutton. They had watched them grow till now they were 25 feet high. As you came up the road you could just see the ridge of the house, the top of the windmill and part of the barn roof above them. There was one tree in particular that the boys liked to climb. A boy who never had a tree to climb has lost half the fun of being a boy.

The farmer liked to talk about those

trees. He knew which kind grew the fastest and which came out in leaf the soonest in the spring. He knew how difficult it is to keep the grass from choking young trees and stunting them, and that rabbits can somehow get past a woven wire fence. He knew where the bluebird nested last year and this. Perhaps it was the same bluebird. It was wonderful how they would find their way back to the same place year after year.

There were a few shrubs. They both liked the lilacs, which were the first to come out in leaf in the spring and the last to lose their leaves in the fall. Three or four glorious clusters of flowers were just emerging into full bloom and scenting the air. Here was the strip of cultivated soil where they were going to plant the caragana hedge next year. They took me back to where they had planted two or three plum trees that had a few blossoms last spring, and a crab tree which had borne a few apples last year that had mysteriously disappeared when they were still very green. Whereupon the eldest boy started to whistle, O Canada, which he had learned at school, showing that his thoughts were far from the question of what had become of the apples.

### They Want to Stay

I have visited a good many farms on these prairies and wherever I have found a grove of trees that had been planted and well cared for, I have found this. I have found that where trees are sending their roots down into the soil they are anchoring a farm family to that particular piece of soil. There is no more important sociological fact in the three prairie provinces than this. I have first to meet the farmer or farmer's wife, or boy or girl who is big enough to understand, who does not take pride in trees they have helped to grow. The development of pleasing home surroundings is one of the most fundamental forces at work in this western country making for the stability of the rural population. "I have no trouble keeping my boys at home," said a farmer to me last year as he swept his arm around in a gesture that took in the full sweep of one of the finest home grounds in the district. "They like this place and want to stay here."

But to return to the farm we were speaking about. The wife took pride in her flowers and her garden. The bleeding heart was in bloom and the peony buds were showing. There was a bed where annual flower seeds had been sown and the plants were just showing up. She picked out a few pig weeds that were crowding them. Later on there would be asters and zinnias for the table. The radishes and lettuce were ready to use. Later on we had them, fresh and crisp, for dinner. You can grow wheat and buy green vegetables but they are not the same, that's all.

As we edged off toward the barn the wife went into the house to get the dinner ready. In the stable there was mouldy straw and familiar farm smells, and in a box stall a small calf whose chief ambition in life was to suck my hand. The farmer led me up into the loft where there was a pile of hay and some sheaves against the summerfalling season. The roof was one of these curved ones which, he said, had stood up against an eighty-mile gale. He seemed to like this barn. In fact I



thought he seemed to take more interest in it than in the house. As we talked about its construction one tousled head after another appeared coming up the ladder. The youngsters seemed to like it too. There were no restraints on them here as there were in the house.

A farm isn't a real farm unless there is a barn on it. A box-car stable and a stack or two are alright in their time, but the place isn't complete until the barn is built.

Out behind the barn there was a small pasture where the oldest calves were kept and the cows were milked and the horses were turned out. One of the calves got up lazily as we approached and stretched himself prodigiously, with a great hollow in his back and his tail curved sidewise in a circle until the brush lay across his back. He edged off cornerwise as the oldest boy tried to pat his nose. The old sow was prostrate in the shade while her brood crowded each other in a tremendous hurry to demonstrate the law of "let him take who has the power and let him keep who can."

A team of horses stood in the shade, one with its head across the other's withers, resting as well as the flies would let them after six weeks of patient toil with disc and seeder. A year-old colt approached us cautiously, half hoping that we wouldn't scare him. The other horses, and the cows and young cattle were back in the pasture field. And all the time the dog was near while the talk ran of crops and the wet spring and the pool, and the election; until one of the young ones came to tell us that dinner was ready.

#### Compensations

They are springing up all over the country, these real farm homes, each with its thousand springs of interest. There are the children and the trees and flowers. There are the farm animals, each with its own personality and habits. There are the farm buildings and the growing crops. There are the church and school and community activities. The work is hard and the hours long, but there are compensations.

The bulwark of a country is not its three-room city flats. You cannot build a nation on bonanza farms and bunk-houses. The essential elements are lacking in a cluster of unpainted buildings, standing naked on the prairie, with its house and shack of a stable and even the fence posts a weather beaten grey, standing on grey, dried earth where the only dash of color is the rust on the machinery that sprawls over the yard.

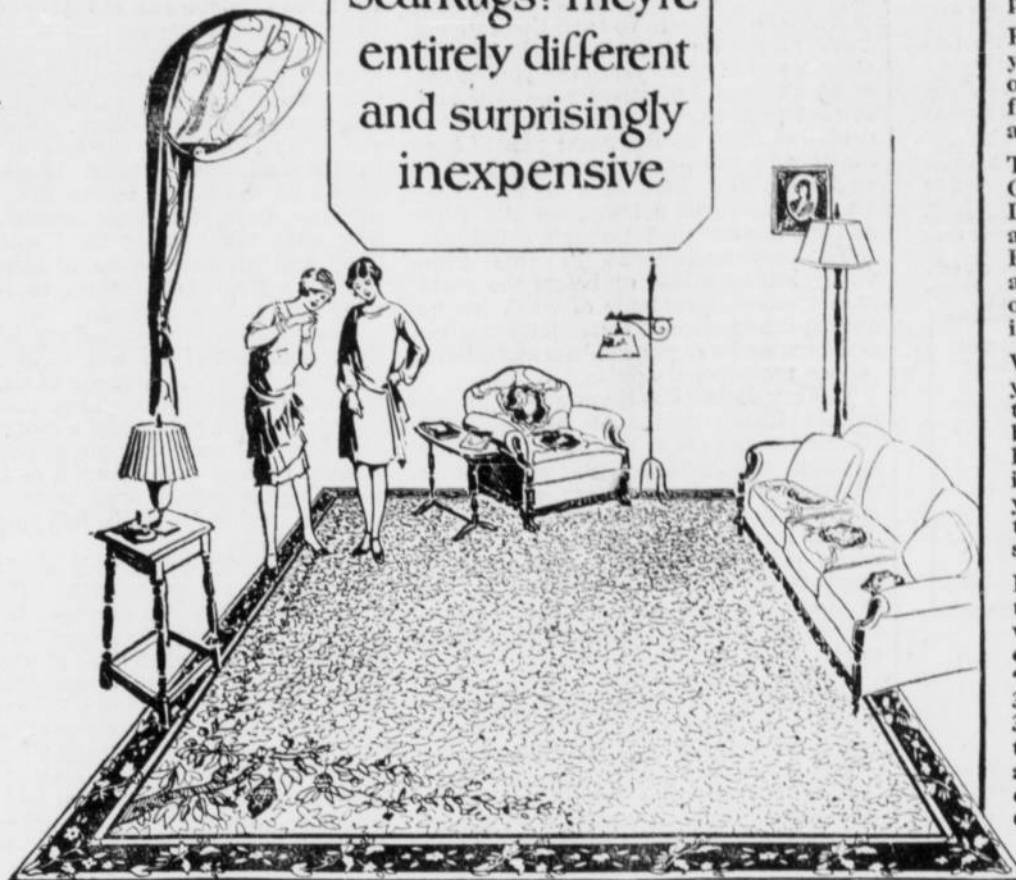
Homes like the one of I have described are the foundation stones of a country. This one is owned by ordinary people. It wasn't dolled up. The grass was a bit unkempt. There was a straggling woodpile and a bit of odd machinery in the corners. The people to whom it is home have time to keep things in fair general order but not to be picky. And yet there was a distinct hominess about it that might have been spoiled if everything had been as spick and span as a city park.

Sometime someone will write about this kind of a farm home the way I feel about it.—R. D. C.



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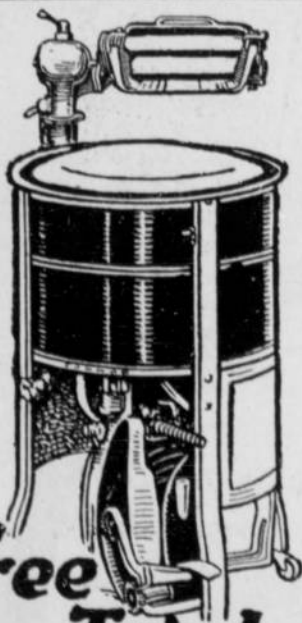
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# The Countrywoman

## Mother and Child Life

**A** SMALL out-of-the-way village in France, known by the name of Villiers-le-Duc, is noted for a remarkable demonstration in the saving of mother and child life. It was fortunate in having as mayor a doctor who was a man of vision and possessed of a desire to save the nation's most precious commodity—human life. Over a period of 27 years the population of the village has stood near 240 and in that time there have only been three deaths of children under one year of age. Starting in 1891, and continuing for the next ten years, there were in Villiers-le-Duc no death of a baby, no stillbirths and no mother died through childbirth. The accomplishment of this little village has been held up before the world as a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when a community realizes and assumes its responsibilities and follows proper professional advice.

In Canada in 1925 there were approximately 12,155 deaths of infants, 5,279 stillbirths and 872 deaths of mothers through childbirth. This year, at a national medical convention, in Ottawa, it was stated that there were an average of four deaths every day in Canada as a result of childbirth, and that at least one-half of these were preventable. It is time that we fully realize what a sacrifice of child and mother life is being made.

Canada differs from almost every other country in the world in that she needs more people. Dr. Seymour, of Saskatchewan, has said that there is no better immigration policy we can adopt than to conserve the lives of our infant population. Yet last year we lost almost as many children under five years of age as we gained in total number of immigrants from the British Isles. This, too, in spite of the fact that both the British government and Canadian agencies spent many thousands of dollars in an endeavor to induce Britishers to come to this land. Canada can well afford to turn her eyes towards Villiers-le-Duc and insist that something more be done than is being done at the present time to conserve our native-born children.

Perhaps the root of our difficulty lies partly in the fact that we accept the sacrifices of these precious lives because we have become familiar with the sacrifice. We are apt to regard them as normal incidents in the ordinary course of affairs instead of realizing that they are to a large measure preventable. With better medical pre-natal and nursing care the death rate of mothers and infants could in a short time be cut nearly in half.

Christianity has enthroned the Mother and Child in the hearts of its followers. As the Christmas season once more comes around we will be reminded afresh of all the good things that have come to humanity through the life of one Child. And thinking upon that we may well let our minds take us on to the question of the saving of mother and child life in the years that lie ahead.

During the past 50 years medical science has discovered many new ways of preventing needless waste by death. Enlightened communities will not now tolerate a condition of affairs where there is any large number of deaths from smallpox, typhoid, tuberculosis or diphtheria. These diseases, thanks to modern methods of treatment, have been practically banished from our midst. We

can do much more to protect mothers and babes. Let it not be said of us that we are indifferent in this matter!

## Songs of the People

We were bid to let ourselves be carried back, in imagination, to the old days in England; to picture an old farm house in the evening after supper was done. The family and guests were seated around the long table. They sat on rude benches for there were no such luxuries then as chairs with backs on them. The room was dimly lighted by the soft flickering light of candles on the table. Rushes were strewn on the floor. It was the custom in those days, for those assembled to sing after the evening meal was over. They had no instruments to help them but they were well trained in reading music and in part singing.

The occasion of this memory trip was the recent visit of the English singers to our city. They were a group of six, three women and three men. They came into the concert hall, sat around a table on the platform and sang unaccompanied, in a manner as easy and informal as if they were singing in their own home. They sang old madrigals, carols, folk songs and sacred pieces.

They were happy in their singing and their happiness was contagious. It spread to the audience which was soon laughing at the song story of a lovers' sprightly quarrel or at the rollicking wassailers pleading with a maid to bring them a bowl of good ale, or marvelling at the rhythm and music of the old street cries of London. This surely was music straight from the hearts and lives of the people! The current of song caught us up and swept us along with it. For an hour or more the hall and the audience of modern dressed city people were blotted out. In imagination we became one of those seated around the table in the old English farm house, or witnessed the frolicking of gay-hearted, vigorous people who expressed their love of life in words whose metre matched their mood.

There was just sufficient explanation before the groups of songs were sung to give us an appreciation of the setting. We were told that madrigals (little amorous poems set to music) were popular in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and the Tudor period. The Cries of London were street cries which were at one time or another actually heard on the streets of that old city.

Leaving the concert hall I could not but reflect upon the power of song in the life of any people, and particularly as it affects the lives of those who live in the country. I am afraid that we, in this land, sing less than do country people of other lands. Perhaps we are spoiled in that we have come to depend too much upon musical instruments for accompaniment. Perhaps our struggle with pioneer conditions has made us neglectful of some of the things which we are apt to think belong only to those of leisure and wealth. At any rate we have too often denied ourselves the joy of expressing ourselves in song. It is to be hoped that the revival of interest today in old folk songs will bring more music into our homes and our individual lives.

## Alfred Noyes

Our introduction to Alfred Noyes started in school days when we loved the lilt of his lines, "In Sherwood, in Sherwood at the break of day." To that we have added during the month just passed another and a more personal contact with the writer of those singing lines for he has come amongst us and we have heard his vibrant voice reading other splendid lines from his own pen. His visit will long remain one of the high days of memory for he, too, like the English singers, carried us off and away into another world.

Somehow or other it seems difficult to speak of Noyes without mentioning Sir Henry Newbolt's visit to Canada four years ago. Both men came here under the auspices of the National Council of Education. Both of them made lecture tours across Canada. Perhaps it was because Sir Henry made such a profound impression on the minds of Canadians that the National Council of Education was encouraged to bring another of England's noted poets. Noyes, like Sir Henry, is a lover of the sea. It is principally as a writer of narrative poetry that Mr. Noyes is internationally famous, some of the outstanding examples of this type of work is *Drake* and *Tales of a Mermaid Tavern*.

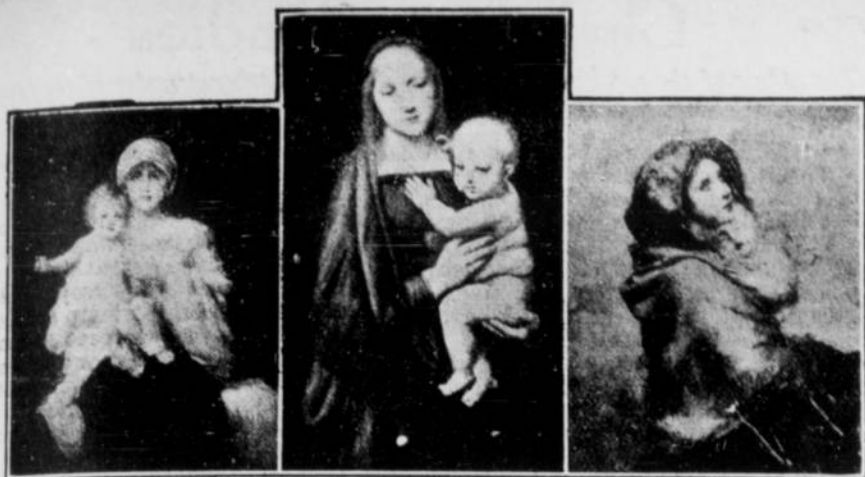
And perhaps it is because most of us are children merely grown up that we like to hear a tale well told. In his lecture on Poetry and Life, Alfred Noyes explained to us that the poet seeks to express his thought in measured rhythm because in that manner he can deliver his greatest strength in the most economical way. And certain it is that the tales that Mr. Noyes has to tell his audience have a wonderful power and nowhere does the story itself become lost in confusion of words. He is not a man to use words for their own sake, but to beautifully drape and powerfully draw the thoughts which only a genius can lay hold on. But Alfred Noyes is too modest to claim supernatural wisdom for the poets, for he confesses that sometimes they speak greater things than they themselves know. But crystal-clear they see some things which are veiled and clouded to other men and so they send their poems out to cheer and comfort others.

Mr. Noyes sees men and women as seekers for truth. There is confusion in the world today because some are more concerned about what he calls "newth"—seeking those things which are not beautiful but merely new. This is shown in the realms of art and literature as well as in the world of business and pleasure. Visits such as these are golden links which bind our people together.



Holy Night, from the painting by Correggio.





Three famous Madonna and Child pictures. From left to right the paintings are by, Michel, Raphael and Ferruzzi.

## Christmas Story in Pictures

*Artists of many generations have endeavored to portray it*

By JEAN E. SOUTH

**T**HE Christmas story is one of the oldest in the world told to mankind—everywhere and in every generation, it has been written, sung and painted over and over again and has lived because it was told for all time.

As each Christmas season comes, it brings back to man, recollections of that first Christmas day when Christ was given to the world in fulfilment of the prophecy that he should be sent to reconcile heaven and earth and so many artists have painted pictures of the prophets. Jeremiah, by Michael Angelo, is a wonderful picture: in it the prophet is leaning forward and, by his attitude and expression, we can almost hear the words attributed to him as he realized the hopelessness of his mission.

Many of the early artists (14th and 15th centuries) painted pictures of the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel Was Sent From God to Nazareth to announce the coming of the Christ. The Angel appears before Mary bearing the stalk of blooming lilies, a symbol of purity always found in pictures of the Annunciation. The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds by Night, by Ploekhurst and one by Lerolle, showing the Arrival of the Shepherds, are both favorite Christmas pictures, telling their simple story beautifully and truthfully. No less beautiful are the pictures painted by great artists in which they depict The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Visit of the Three Wise Men, and The Adoration of the Magi—"They opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh"—

"But we are not told whose gift was gold, And whose was the gift of myrrh."

Many artists have loved to paint the story of the birth of Christ; each has given us his own conception of the subject, but few have made us feel the glory and the happiness of the hour as does Correggio, in his representation of the Nativity, called Holy Night (reproduced elsewhere in this issue). Rich in color, the Mother and Child stand out in contrast with the dark background of the night, lighted by a glorious and unearthly radiance from above, in which we see the figures of angels. In the Mother's face is adoration and happiness as she gazes on her first-born.

This artist lived about the time of Columbus; he was famous for the manner in which he used his color, for the grace of his finish and for the soft beauty of his flesh tints.

All pictures of the Mother remind us of the Christmas story. They express the reverence and faith of a religious age and the mental and spiritual attitude of a people which was inspired by the Christian Church.

In those days the walls of churches and chapels afforded spaces for paintings portraying stories of the life of Christ and of the Mother and Child to serve as a

means of instructing the unlearned. Historians relate that often a whole community would await with eagerness the day when they might hasten to the Church to view the Master's finished picture. These wall pictures were large and required time to complete. They were painted on the fresh plaster and were called "fresco" paintings. Each day only as much plaster was put on as the painter could finish.

Certain subjects were very popular and were always received with unflinching appreciation and so the artists were content to paint the same subjects many times, only changing details in the drawing and arrangement.

We find that by far the greatest number are pictures of the Mother and Child, a subject painted by all artists at that time and which appeals to us almost as much now as it did to the people who lived 500 years ago. Many of these early Madonnas have a great purity and sweetness but as the art developed greater perfection was obtained, until we gaze in admiration at some of Raphael's Madonnas which have been described as a series of "poems in paint." These have been copied in succeeding centuries and have inspired many artists who have travelled far to study them.

The process of description is tedious and useless, except to draw attention to some general principles, the merest print or photograph is more useful and in all those here reproduced there is a meaning and an inspiration.

One of these is Raphael's Madonna of the Chair, a picture so beautiful that it speaks for itself. It appeals to all, old and young alike. It is a remarkable example of a beautiful painting in the difficult setting of a circular form.

Many people like this picture best of all the Madonnas, and it is perhaps its simplicity that makes a strong appeal. The Mother seems so naturally placed in a position that every mother assumes. See how beautifully all the curving lines of this picture fit into the circle and our attention is drawn to the faces of the Mother and Child by the contrast of light and dark.

There is a legend told about the painting of this picture, how Raphael, happening to pass the workshop of a barrel-maker, observed a beautiful woman sitting with her two boys in front of the house nearby. The older boy had just run up to show his mother a piece of wood which someone had carved for him in the shape of a cross.

The group interested the artist but he had no paint nor canvas with him to make a sketch. However, the smooth, round top of a barrel lying near attracted his attention and he quickly drew on it, in charcoal, a picture, painting it in color later.

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The Madonna of the Chair, by Raphael.

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# Christmas Candies

The magic of the candy saucepan is a delight to every member of the family

By MARY C. MOXON

THERE are very few homes in which candy is not made occasionally, and of these occasions the Christmas season is usually one.

Home-made candy is always popular with both adults and children, and many women have solved the problem of Christmas gifts through the magic of the candy saucepan. It is not possible to prepare the very elaborate types of commercial candies with the use of ordinary home equipment, but the interested amateur candy-maker can produce such a class of "home-made" sweet, that all of her family and friends will be, like Oliver Twist, constantly asking for more.

Success in candy making depends mainly upon three factors: Some understanding of the changes that take place in sugar when it is heated; cooking the mixture to the right "stage" or temperature; the manipulation of the cooked candy. Sometimes the whole fate of the candy, whether "grainy" or smooth, depends upon the temperature at which it is beaten.

Sugar when boiled with any liquid passes through various stages—the "soft ball," "firm ball," "crack," etc. During this process the sugar undergoes certain physical and chemical changes, the crystals becoming smaller and smaller until they are so tiny that they can scarcely be felt in the mouth. This is the change desired in fudges, cream candies, etc., which should always be smooth and free from grain.

To keep this texture and avoid a re-crystallization, make ure first that the candy is cooked to just the right stage, then cool the candy always before beginning to beat it. Too much fudge is "grainy" because it has been beaten while still hot. An added safeguard against "grainy" candy is the use of small amounts of corn syrup, a tablespoon to each cup of white sugar used—this prevents the forming of the large crystals. If an acid such as cream of tartar, lemon juice or vinegar is added the same effect is obtained. If brown sugar is used it contains a natural acid which will help to make the candy smooth.

To know when the candy is "done," use the cold water test, or, better still, a candy thermometer, if you can either "beg or borrow" it. This table shows the different types of candy and the tests for them:

Type of Candy	Cold Water Test	Thermometer Test
Fudges.....	Soft ball.....	234°-236° F.
Fondant.....	Soft ball.....	238°-240° F.
Caramels.....	Firm ball.....	246°-248° F.
Taffies.....	Hard ball.....	265°-270° F.
Butterscotch.....	Crack.....	290°-300° F.
Brittles.....	Hard crack.....	300°-310° F.

With the best of ingredients and equipment we may still have poor results in candy making unless a few general rules of manipulation are observed. These apply to practically every type of candy:

1. A saucepan with a smooth surface is desirable—this aids in preventing both burning and "graininess."
2. Stir the sugar and liquid over gentle heat at first, until the sugar dissolves.
3. Do not stir syrup after it begins to boil, except to prevent burning. Cover the saucepan for the first few minutes of boiling.
4. Test frequently and remove from the heat as soon as "done."
5. If the creamy candies or fudges after beating do not seem to be cooked quite enough, remember that the candy will

"dry off" better if left to stand in a warm rather than a cold atmosphere.

## Candy for the Children

In planning the varieties of candy to be made it is just as well to keep in mind the age and tastes of the people who are to eat them. For the little people the simple varieties are most wholesome and therefore the best. It is possible to pack such a box of candy that not only will the children receive it with cheers of delight, but the mothers also will welcome it, knowing that its consumption will not mean upset "tummies" and bad dispositions or the days following Christmas. Fruit candies, molasses toffy, the gelatine candies and chocolates made by dipping animal crackers in melted chocolate are all suitable for children. Stuffed dates is a well-known confection and many cooks are adepts at making the cunning figures of animals and men, etc., from combinations of figs, raisins and other dried fruits. Here is a recipe for a good fruit candy:

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. uncooked prunes  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. dates  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. raisins  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. each of cloves and salt  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  c. nuts  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  c. figs

Wash the prunes and figs and steam for five minutes. Put these and the remaining ingredients through the food chopper. Mix together and if necessary to moisten add the juice of an orange. Roll out in a sheet and cut in shapes. Roll in sugar or dip in melted chocolate.

Marshmallows make a good candy for children and they are very easily made. They can be varied in flavors and color so that many varieties may be made from the same mixture. A good recipe is:

2 T. granulated gelatine  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. granulated sugar  
Flavoring (almond,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. cold water  
lemon and vanilla,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. boiling water  
combine well)

Soak the gelatine in the cold water and dissolve it in the boiling water, add the sugar and heat slightly until it is dissolved. Remove from the fire, add the flavoring and beat until thick, foamy and white. Pour into a wet mould. When "set" cut in squares, roll in icing sugar or browned cocoanut, etc.

Toffies and butterscotch also make good sweets for children. For very small children it is wiser not to include any nuts. A good toffy should be clear and transparent. If it is "cloudy" it has been cooked too quickly and stirred too much.

## English Toffy

2 c. sugar  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. butter  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  c. vinegar  $\frac{1}{2}$  T. cold water  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. nuts

Cook all the ingredients except the nuts to the "crack" stage. Then pour over nuts placed evenly on a buttered pan. While cooling mark in squares.

## Candies for Grandmother

Nearly all the older people enjoy the cream candies, such as mints and bonbons, and many are very fond of cocoanut combinations. For most of these fondant is used as a foundation. It forms the basis for so many types of candy that everyone should know how to make it well. The ingredients are simple, but the manipulation is more difficult, requiring much patience and precision.

## Making Fondant

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. granulated sugar  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cream  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. water tartar

Cook the ingredients rather slowly to the "soft ball" stage. Stir as little as possible, and if crystals form on the sides of the saucepan wash them down with



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1 cup milk  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dates  
1 square chocolate  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful vanilla 2 egg whites  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup seeded raisins  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup nuts Few grains salt  
Soak gelatine in cold water. Put milk with fruit in double boiler. When hot, add melted chocolate mixed with a little sugar and milk to make a smooth paste (or use 3 tablespoonfuls cocoa). Add soaked gelatine, sugar and salt, remove from fire, and when mixture begins to thicken, add vanilla and nut meats, chopped, and lastly fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into wet mold decorated with whole nut meats and raisins. Chill, unmold on serving dish and garnish with holly. Serve with sweetened and flavored whipped cream, whipped evaporated milk or with a currant jelly sauce.

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1 level tablespoonful Knox Sparkling Gelatine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup celery, diced  
1 cup sugar  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful salt  
1 pint cranberries Nut meats  
Cook cranberries in one cup water until soft; stir in sugar and cook for 5 minutes. Add gelatine which has been soaked in one-half cup cold water 5 minutes, and stir until dissolved. Strain; when mixture begins to thicken, stir in celery and salt, turn into wet pan and chill. When firm, unmold, cut in squares, place a whole nut meat on top of each square and serve on lettuce leaves with a garnish of mayonnaise. One cup white grapes or diced apple may be used instead of celery, or combine with sliced bananas and oranges.

## CHRISTMAS CANDY SUPREME

(About a Pound)

1 level tablespoonful Knox Sparkling Gelatine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup candied cherries  
2 squares chocolate  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup walnuts, chopped  
3 cups sugar  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful cinnamon  
1 cup milk Few grains salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup raisins 1 tablespoonful butter  
Soak gelatine in cold water 5 minutes. Melt chocolate in saucepan placed in larger saucepan containing boiling water. Add sugar and milk, stirring constantly. Boil until mixture will form a soft ball when tried in cold water. Remove from fire, add gelatine, and when it has dissolved, add butter and salt. Cool somewhat and beat until creamy, add raisins and cherries cut in small pieces, chopped nuts and cinnamon. Turn into buttered tins. Cool, and when firm, cut in squares.

## JELLIED TURKEY

(Six Servings)

1 level tablespoonful Knox Sparkling Gelatine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water  $\frac{1}{2}$  onion 2 cups stock or gravy  
Few sprigs parsley Salt, pepper 2 stalks celery  
Roast turkey, chopped or sliced Dressing  
Soak gelatine in cold water 5 minutes. Place left-over gravy or stock, sliced vegetables and seasonings, a few bones if desired and any left-over dressing in saucepan and simmer slowly for about half hour. Remove bones, and add soaked gelatine. When gelatine is dissolved, strain; when mixture begins to stiffen, stir in chopped turkey and any additional seasonings necessary. Pour into wet mold and chill.



Home-made candies are always an acceptable gift. They may be packed in a dainty box or in one of the covered candy jars, now popular.



fork wrapped in cheesecloth. Remove from the fire, let stand two to three minutes, then pour on a large wet platter. Let cool until the mixture wrinkles well when platter is tipped. Beat until the whole mass is white and opaque, then knead in the hands until smooth. Place in a covered bowl and let "ripen" for some hours if possible. Fondant will keep for some time and may be made up as desired.

To make mints from fondant, melt it over hot water, add two to three drops of oil of peppermint for each cup of fondant, then drop on waxed paper. The cook's own judgment will have to be used to test for flavor as well as for knowing when the fondant is just melted sufficiently to shape well.

Cocoanut snowballs may be made by adding fresh grated cocoanut to the fondant while it is being kneaded—shape in balls and lay on waxed paper.

Another sweet usually enjoyed by the older people is called cocoanut biscuits. These are baked:

2 c. finely cut desiccated cocoanut 1/4 c. corn syrup  
1/2 c. sugar 1/4 c. flour  
1 egg white

Beat the egg white until stiff, fold in the other ingredients, shape as biscuits and place on a greased baking sheet and bake in a hot oven for ten minutes.

#### Candies for Young Folks

Fudges are always a popular form of candy with the adolescent and younger adult group. Making good fudge depends mainly on observing the general rules set down for making cream candies. Caramel nut roll is a much liked confection—one which the ordinary amateur thinks cannot be attempted. To make this, first prepare fondant and shape in rolls about three inches long and one inch in diameter. Lay on a fork and dip quickly in a hot caramel mixture, then drop into nut meat on waxed paper. Turn until all parts are well coated with nuts. To make the caramel use:

2 c. sugar 1 c. corn syrup  
1 c. brown sugar 1 c. cream  
2 c. milk 1/2 c. butter  
Vanilla

Put all the ingredients except the flavoring in a saucepan and cook stirring constantly, to the "firm ball" stage or 248 degrees Fahr. Add the vanilla and turn into slightly greased pan. When cold cut in squares and wrap as caramels. For dipping, keep the caramel hot by setting the saucepan over hot water.

#### Christmas Presents

Last Christmas morning I was visiting my mother in town when a neighbor ran in with a cardboard box tied with gay Christmas ribbon, from which hung a card of jolly greetings. On opening the box, we found two dozen firm, large tomatoes, picked green but ripened inside, wrapped with white tissue paper and tied with red ribbon. I don't think there was a present that day that was appreciated more, and it just rounded out the Christmas menu.

Those friends who have not farm products of their own would appreciate a dozen fresh eggs, nested in white tissue paper, a pint of cream, a jar of home canned peas or chicken, a cockerel ready for roasting, a goose or a turkey, or, in special cases, a sack of potatoes. A jar of orange marmalade or canned berries would be much appreciated by your new neighbor whose cellar is not as well stocked as is your own.

Of course, the zest of these gifts much depends on the "trimmings." It is wise to put away in a labelled box for next year all such Christmas ribbons, tissue paper and cards as are fit for use again.

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## Christmas Table Service

Some directions for setting and serving a meal

By BERTHA BOWMAN

CHRISTMAS dinner is the high festival of the year, without a doubt, and many are the plans laid to ensure its perfection. Elaborate service is a thing of the past in this day of the servantless home, when the housewife with one maid is lucky. Perfect cookery, immaculate surroundings, and dainty, though simple, service is best suited to our present needs and tastes.

The round table is more easily set and decorated than are the rectangular or oval ones. As for the covering a silence cloth, fitted with tapes to permit of its being securely fastened to the table legs, is the first requisite. Next comes the tablecloth, linen preferably, though a cotton cloth may be so laundered as to present a brave appearance. A white centrepiece of the same shape as the table is placed in the centre. This may be only large enough to serve as a base for the centre decoration; or, it may be large enough to reach the cover line.

The centre decoration should be either low, or very high, so as not to interfere with the view of the guests. The dark green leaves of a sturdy geranium always add to the holiday effect; cut flowers leave little to be desired; a tiny spruce tree, or the top of the Christmas tree can be made truly beautiful with tinsel, tissue paper, and perhaps a few tiny candles.

On our western prairies it sometimes happens that none of these aids to Christmas is at hand. A jolly little Santa Claus can be made from red cotton, and stuffed to form a very attractive centrepiece. Place cards, always desirable, may be planned as a part of the decorative scheme. These may be made of cardboard and tissue paper in the form of poinsettias, bells, Christmas trees, any one of a hundred ways that may occur to the original mind. A fancy basket of favors, each with a gay ribbon leading to the cover of one of the guests is also very pretty. Candles are always decorative. They supply what many consider an ideal lighting for a dinner table.

The space for one guest, together with the silver, glassware, etc., needed for his use is known as a "cover." Not less than 22 inches is necessary for one person and more is desirable. Whatever knives are to be used are placed to the right of the plate, one inch from the edge, cutting edge toward the plate. The spoons are placed to the right of the knives, with the inner surfaces of the bowls turned up. The forks are placed to the left, tines up. A simple rule, and a good one to follow, is to place the silverware in the order in which it is to be used—that used first farthest from the plate.

The water glass is placed at the point of the dinner knife, is filled three-quarters full and is kept replenished throughout the meal. The dessert forks and spoons are often placed on the table when these courses are served. Whatever breadstuff is served—rolls, bread-rings, etc.—is placed within the folded serviette at the left of the cover. The serviette should be large and, if possible, of the same pattern as the tablecloth.

On the dinner menu, one usually finds a fruit cocktail or clear soup; a fish

course, the roast, or main course, salad; dessert; mints and nuts, and coffee. With this as a basis, one may elaborate it by the addition of entrees; or simplify it by the omission of fish, soup or salad course, or all three of them.

There are three distinct ways of serving a dinner. If it be formal, it may be served in the Russian style, where waiters serve individual portions from a sidetable, serving and removing from the right. Or it may be served in the English style, where the roast, dressing, gravy, etc., are served by the host, the vegetables, salad, dessert and coffee by the hostess. Often a compromise is effected, and the soup is placed on the table just previous to the seating of the guests; the vegetables are passed in dishes on a folded serviette on the palm of the hand, to the left of the guest, who serves himself, while the salad and dessert are served by the waiters in previously prepared individual servings, the other dishes being served in the English style.

For family service with no attendant, the soup may be already placed when the family is seated, or the host may serve it. The roast and the "fixings" are served by the host, the accompanying vegetables by the two persons sitting to his right. The plates are then passed around the table to the person seated to the left of the host. Individual salads and desserts can be prepared earlier in the day so as to be easily and quickly served and at the same time enhance the appearance of the table. The mints and nuts are placed on the table when the covers are laid and are passed after the dessert.

The coffee service is placed on a tray, before the hostess, who may serve the cream and sugar as well as the coffee; or, these may be carried on a small tray to the left of the guest, who serves himself.

The custom of serving the ladies first in order of their importance and then the men, is no longer an ironclad rule. Often, in less formal affairs, the guests are served in the order in which they are seated.

After the roast course, the plates are first removed, then the platter and other dishes, with their mats. The salts and peppers (individual sets between each two guests are desirable) on a tray; and lastly, the crumbs should be removed from the table by means of a crumb tray and knife. A folded serviette and a bread and butter plate may serve the same purpose efficiently. In removing any plates, during the meal, two only should be taken from the left at one time.

In the servantless home—which includes the majority of Canadian homes—it is often found convenient, on occasions such as the gathering of the clans at Christmas, for two of the daughters of the family to take over the responsibility of the table service. This leaves the others free to enjoy the meal, unmarred by the confusion of some one intermittently rising and leaving the table.

Whatever form of service is employed, the meal should be planned for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. Good food, served in an immaculate and orderly fashion rarely fails to produce the good cheer that one associates with the Yuletide season.



An attractive table setting for a dinner.



# A Gift for the House

Plan to make it something that all the family can enjoy

By MARGARET M. SPEECHLY

ONE of the nicest customs is to give the house a present for Christmas, something that the whole family can enjoy, not only at the time, but during the months to come. Such a gift need not be costly. In fact it can often be constructed from materials already in or around the house. Many pieces of furniture can be made out of apple boxes, spare lumber or packing cases by a handy man, woman, boy or girl who can wield a hammer and saw to good effect.



Hanging bookshelves are popular now.

If the house does not require book-cases or a dresser or a washstand or desk or any other piece of furniture, it may be that a chair or desk or something else badly needs a coat of paint or varnish. The new brushing lacquers give excellent results in a short time and so are well worth trying. If the family desk looks shabby, paint it a color that either blends with the general scheme of decoration or else in a direct contrast. A black exterior and a Chinese red interior produce a striking effect. Black and jade green or lemon yellow are also delightful, but you will have to decide on the best colors yourself. The same style of thing can be used for bookcases very effectively. If you would like to give the house something really up-to-date, either make or unearth from the attic one of those old-fashioned hanging bookcases. Painted an artistic leaf-green, brick red or some other shade that fits into your color scheme, it will prove a cheerful addition to the living-room or bedroom. This is just the thing for holding the newest books that come for Christmas or possibly for a bright piece of pottery.

If you are at a loss to know what to give to the house this year, take a look at the chairs and the couch or lounge. One of the most satisfying jobs I ever did was to recover some furniture which was upholstered in that hideous red and green plush so popular years ago. When the artistic tapestry was in place we were as proud as could be of the transformation. As a gift to the family why not try this scheme if the furniture looks shabby. First remove the gimp that hides the raw edges; next take off the old cover, noting how the corners were done. Then cut out the new material, using the old pieces as patterns. Tack it into place and cover the edges with a neat gimp that blends with the material. If it is not practical to fix up shabby pieces like this, try slip covers, made either of the same chintz as the curtains or of plain material in the predominating color of the hangings. Sometimes a chair done in a contrasting shade is very effective.

## For Comfort

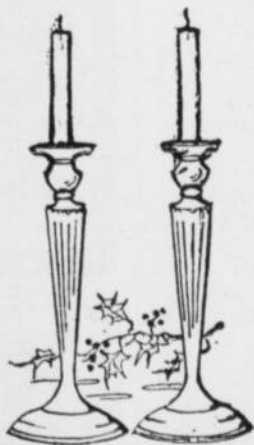
Very often fresh covers for the cushions are a gift that is well worth while. These can be made from pieces of cretonne, velveteen, gold or silver cloth, an old dress or from other materials to be found in the scrap bag. If you can't locate just the right color, dye flour sacking or factory cotton the required shade. By tying the cloth before dyeing you can produce wonderful sunburst effects or else a set design of your own creation. Once you have done this fascinating work you will want to tie-dye runners, curtains and other lovely gifts for the house. But to return to cushions, perhaps there have never been enough in your living-room. Here is a chance for increasing not only comfort but beauty. Cushions provide

brilliant spots of color and if made in various shapes and sizes greatly add to the interest of a room. Therefore, see that the house has sufficient big and little, round, oblong and triangular cushions.

Another household gift that requires little or no outlay is a hooked or braided mat. This sort of thing is particularly suitable for country houses and happens to be fashionable as well. Hooked mats in quaint, old-fashioned designs are very charming and give an air of distinction to any room. So do the braided kind, made from the contents of the piece bag or of material dyed the right shade. Oval or oblong mats are very effective when made of colors that tone with the general scheme of decoration. Of course, a rug suitable for a bedroom would hardly do for a living-room. Do you remember the screens used years ago down East or in the Old Country? For cutting off a draught or hiding an ugly corner they were most useful, but they also played an important part in the decoration of the room. This is a gift to the house that would be well worth while. Handsome chintz or wallpaper makes a beautiful covering, but tied-and-dyed designs can be used instead.

## Things of Beauty

Has it ever occurred to you to give the house a new picture at Christmas time? Nothing could be nicer. Reproductions of the old masters are now so cheap that no one can afford to be without several. On the table in front of me is a folder issued by a mail order house in which are advertised high-class framed pictures at most reasonable prices, varying from 35 cents to \$4.50. Thus there is something to suit everybody's taste and purse. The folder shows famous portraits, landscapes and rural scenes, any of which would increase the beauty of your home. An old sampler worked and framed in rosewood and hung on the wall makes a charming addition to a room. Probably in your possession there is a sampler worked long years ago—bring it out and have it framed for the house. This sort of decoration is being used extensively at present.



Candlesticks make an acceptable gift.

Books always make a delightful gift. Their bright bindings play an important part in the color scheme. Book-ends in bronze are made in many designs. Painted iron is also attractive, but plaster is seldom worth buying as it chips easily. A pair of candlesticks is a lovely present for the house, no matter whether they are of brass, silver, glass or bright pottery. Dutch ware, with its gorgeous colors on a black ground, is very charming. Brilliant candles in nearly every shade are now available at reasonable prices and can be used very effectively for creating bright patches of color. Now, as never before, there is beautiful pottery on the market. A quaint pitcher in bright colors or a plate or a vase makes a lovely gift for the house.

A plant is something that not only pleases the family but adds to the beauty of the house. A Jerusalem cherry with its bright red berries, a hanging basket or a pot of bulbs is a lovely gift.



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## Stuffing for Christmas Bird

*The dressing makes a great difference in tastiness*

By THE COUNTRY COOK

MUCH of the flavor of the Christmas bird is determined by the stuffing. Whether we have for the festive dish for the Christmas feast, as lordship, the turkey, his humbler cousin, the goose, or even chicken or rabbit, the dressing and garnishing make a vast difference in the attractiveness of the dish. Before the fowl is stuffed be sure that it has been thoroughly cleaned inside and out. The lungs and kidneys lie in cavities and unless one has had experience in dressing fowl these are sometimes overlooked. I shall never forget the embarrassment of a friend of mine who served chicken at one of the first dinner parties she gave after her marriage. When her husband carved the breast of the chicken out tumbled half a cupful of oats. She had forgotten or did not know that the chicken had a "crop." A sharp knife and lots of patience will remove pinfeathers, and a hot flame will singe away any hairs or down that have escaped the eye. After the fowl is washed, dry the inside of the bird thoroughly and it is ready for the stuffing. Most of us make one kind of stuffing and stick to it, whether it be bread, potato, oatmeal, rice or a mixture of these, but there are many delicious variations that are well worth while.

After the stuffing, the bird must be trussed. Trussing is simply fastening the legs and wings of the bird before cooking so that it will have a neat appearance after it is cooked. If the skin has been pushed back from the neck and the neck cut off near the body, the skin may be folded under at the back and fastened down with a toothpick. Then fold the wings forward and back over this skin, too, so that they form a triangle in the back. This makes a broad base so that the bird rests more steadily on the platter. If the large tendons on the legs are removed before the bird is stuffed the legs will not "kick up" when the fowl is cooking, and the drumsticks are more easily carved. Fasten the ends of the drumsticks close to the body with a cord or a skewer.

### Standard Stuffing

4 c. medium coarse bread crumbs.	1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 egg	1 c. boiling water
1 small onion	1/2 c. melted butter
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. parsley
1/2 tsp. celery seed	1 tsp. celery salt
	1/4 tsp. powdered sage

Use bread one or two days old. Put crumbs in bowl and pour the boiling water over them, or enough to moisten them well. If too much water is added the stuffing will be pasty. After 20 minutes squeeze out excess moisture. Add the well-beaten egg, the butter and seasoning. Mix lightly and it is ready for use.

### Potato Stuffing for Goose

2 c. hot mashed potatoes	1 finely-chopped onion
1 c. fine bread crumbs	1 egg
1/2 c. finely-chopped salt pork	1 1/2 tsp. salt
	1 tsp. sage.

Put the chopped pork in a small frying pan, add the chopped onion and cook for two minutes. Mix the bread crumbs with the potato, add the seasoning and onion.

### Sausage Stuffing

3 cups bread crumbs	1 onion
Water	1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. salt	1/2 lb. sausage meat
1 tsp. summer savory	1 T. butter
1 c. hot potato	

If the bread is dry put it through the meat chopper, using the coarse cutter, add the potato. Cook the onion in the butter for two or three minutes, add the seasoning to the bread and potato, then the onion and sausage meat. If the bread is dry add enough water to moisten. Do not make it pasty.

### Raisin and Apple Stuffing

1 c. chopped apples	1-8 tsp. pepper
2 c. soft bread crumbs	1/4 tsp. ground sage
1 tsp. onion, minced	1/2 c. raisins
1 tsp. salt	2 T. butter
1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning	1/2 c. hot water

Mix the chopped apples, crumbs, onion and seasoning, then add raisins, cut in pieces. Melt the butter in the hot water and add. This is good for stuffing duck, goose or roast pork.

### Walnut and Raisin Stuffing

1/2 c. raisins	1-8 tsp. pepper
1/2 c. walnuts	1/4 tsp. sage
2 c. stale bread crumbs	4 T. melted butter
1/2 tsp. salt	1/2 c. hot milk

Cut the raisins in pieces—break up the walnuts and mix with the crumb and seasonings. Melt the butter in the hot milk and mix thoroughly with the other ingredients. This is delicious with turkey or chicken.

### Rice Stuffing

1 c. fat salt pork	1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 onion	1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. chopped parsley	1 c. chopped celery or
1-8 tsp. pepper	1/4 tsp. celery salt
Giblets, chopped	Pork scraps
4 c. stock	1 c. rice

Cut salt pork in tiny scraps to fill one cup, try out in frying pan and strain, keeping pork scraps. Return one-quarter cup of the fat to the frying pan, add one cup of uncooked rice and stir until slightly brown. Add four cups of stock in which giblets have been cooked, boil five minutes, turn into double boiler and cook until soft. Put remaining fat in frying pan, add one onion, finely chopped, and cook until yellow. Add to the rice with the seasoning, parsley, salt, pepper, chopped celery or celery salt and the pork scraps and giblets, chopped. This is excellent with either chicken or turkey.

### Rabbit With Potatoes

1 rabbit	2 c. boiling water
3 tsp. fat	1-8 tsp. thyme
3 small onions	6 potatoes
1 tsp. salt	1/2 bay leaf
1-8 tsp. pepper	

Cut the rabbit in joints and brown well in bacon fat. Remove to a kettle and add seasoning and boiling water. When the rabbit is nearly done add the potatoes. Simmer until tender. Serve rabbit on a platter, garnished with the potatoes.

### Bread and Celery Stuffing

3 1/2 c. dried bread crumbs	1/4 tsp. pepper
1 egg	1 c. boiling water
1 T. minced parsley	1 T. chopped onion
1 1/2 tsp. salt	3/4 c. celery
	1 tsp. poultry seasoning

Moisten the bread crumbs with the water, let stand 20 minutes. Squeeze out all the excess moisture and add one egg and one-half cup of melted butter. Add the seasoning and stir lightly.

### Spiced Cranberry Jelly

4 c. cranberries	1 c. boiling water
2 c. sugar	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. cloves	1/4 tsp. allspice

Pick over and wash the cranberries, put them in a saucepan with the boiling water, add the spices tied in a muslin bag, boil for 20 minutes, take from the fire, remove spice bag and rub cranberries through a sieve, stir in the sugar and cook for five minutes longer. Turn into one large or individual molds. To make plain cranberry jelly omit the spice.

### Uxbridge Fried Chicken

If a turkey or goose is not available at Christmas, this is a very good substitute. 1 large fowl Seasoning Hot biscuits

Clean, wash and simmer a large fowl until tender. Let cool overnight in the broth. Next day drain, wipe and cut the fowl into neat pieces for serving, leaving the bone in pieces, such as the wing, side bone second joint, etc. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, dredge with flour and fry in pork fat until a golden brown. Arrange on a hot platter and surround with small baking powder biscuits. Thicken some of the chicken broth and pour around the meat. In our household this dish is as acceptable as turkey itself.

### Chicken Piquant

2 slices salt pork	2 cloves
1 pt. canned tomatoes	1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper	Water or stock
2 minced onions	

Put two good-sized slices of salt pork through the meat chopper and fry until the fat is tried out and the bits of pork are dry and brown. Skim out the pork and fry two minced onions in the fat until a light brown. Then remove the onions. Joint a fowl, dredge with flour and brown in the fat, turning frequently. Then put back the pork scraps and onions, add the tomatoes, cloves, salt and pepper and just enough stock or boiling water to cover the chicken. Let simmer one hour, stirring carefully that it may not stick, then bake in a slow oven for two hours or until it is tender. Uncover the last half hour so that the sauce may thicken. Serve with baked potatoes or tiny biscuits.

### Stewed Chicken with Celery Sauce

4 slices salt pork	Celery
Salt and pepper	1 c. cream
2 T. flour	Toast
2 onions	

Try out the pork and brown the fowl on all sides, add salt and pepper, the onions and the outside stalks of one head celery. Cut in inch pieces. Add one pint hot water, simmer until the chicken is tender. Remove the skin and cut the meat from the bones in as large pieces as possible. Boil the gravy down to one cup, thicken with the flour, add one cup cream, reheat and serve on toast.

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## Books as Gifts

*Will bring joy to the heart of the booklover at Christmastide*

By AMY J. ROE

**T**HERE is no gift quite so acceptable to the booklover as a book of the type he likes or one which has come from the pen of his favorite author. The kind of book one chooses to give as a Christmas gift depends largely upon three things: the age and taste of the one to whom it is to be given and the amount of money that the giver has to spend.

It is a rather difficult matter to go into a bookshop whose shelves and tables are loaded with books and select one that will suit some particular individual, unless, of course, it has been recommended by someone whose judgement the book buyer trusts, or favorably reviewed in the press by some good critic. Certain well advertised titles stand out prominently, especially among the new books. The book buyer must take some little trouble to find out what the book is about and the nature of the story or he may find himself in the position of selecting a modern realistic or problem novel for someone whose taste runs to pleasant romances or books after the style of those which come from the pen of David Grayson or Peter McArthur. Books like people cannot be judged by the color and texture of their coverings or by the catchiness of their names. The man or woman who buys a book for a friend must first find out something about it.

There is an additional pleasure in being able to send a friend a book which is just newly off the press. For one thing you can be fairly certain that he has not yet had the opportunity to read it. He will have the added delight of being able to discuss it with others at a time when the book is likely to receive most comment. But new books do not necessarily make the best or most interesting reading. On the other hand there is some advantage in not being able to afford copyright editions. By the time a book has had one or more seasons on the market the chances are that it has been given something like its proper place in public esteem. Passing through the testing fire of time, certain books stand approved as worthy of the attention of the reading public, while others stand condemned as being worthless, perhaps harmful.

The average book buyer cannot hope to be able to read widely enough to make the best possible selection out of the hundreds of books that come on the market each year, so he permits the winnowing process of the years to help him in choosing those few which will likely to be most worth reading and out of which he will get the most enjoyment.

In this year of the celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee, histories and historical novels are given a prominent place. Books, which have been produced in Canada, and have stood the test of time and have been adjudged worthy of a high place in literature, such as Kirby's Golden Dog, Richardson's Wacousta, Haliburton's Sam Slick, Mrs. Moodie's Roughing

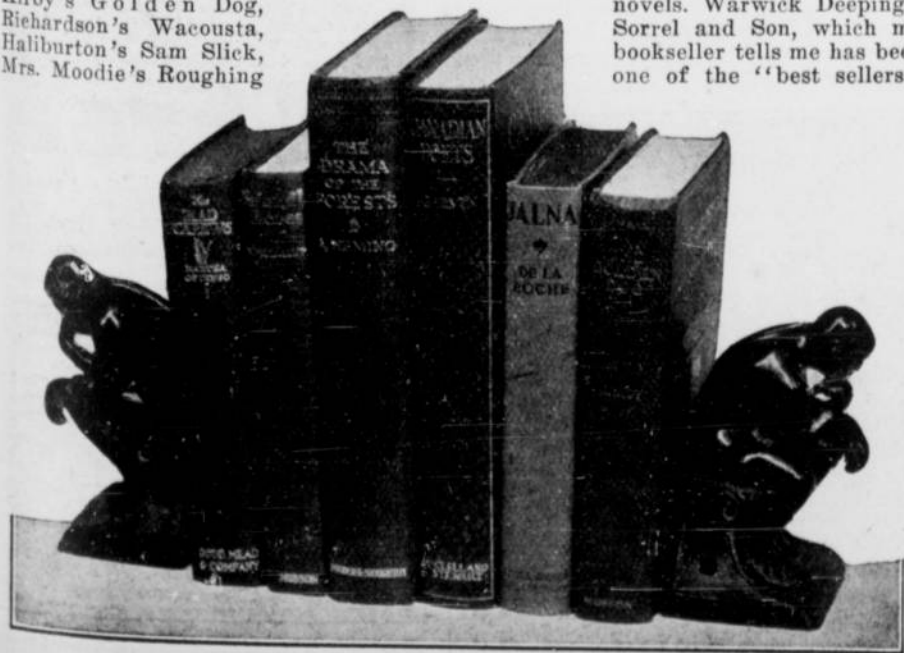
It In The Bush, Maria Chapdelaine, Parker's Seats of the Mighty, or some of Ralph Connor's early novels, Mrs. Salverson's Viking Heart, and many others, should find their way in increasing numbers to the bookshelves of Canadian readers. Any one of them would make a splendid gift for a friend who lives in another land and who is interested in the manners and life of the people in this country.

There are a number of excellent historical books for children this year. There is one excellent series of Canadian history readers published by Dent's. There is a Canadian Fairy Book by Kennedy and two volumes of Famous Canadian Stories by French. If teachers, friends and parents make a selection of these this Christmas for young folks the chances are good that the adults of tomorrow are going to know vastly more about the dramatic story of Canada than do the adults of today.

For the older and more serious minded folk there are a number of books on Confederation, such as Kennedy's Documents of the Canadian Constitution or Locke's Builders of the Canadian Commonwealth, or perhaps Ottawa Past and Present by Ross or Longsreth's recent new book on the Mounted Police, entitled The Silent Force, or MacLean's, McDougall of Alberta. Oh, there are plenty of new books on different phases of Canadian History this year. Your favorite bookseller will likely be only too glad to furnish you with a printed list of them and you can make your own selection.

But coming back to the question of cheaper editions of good books! This year there are a number of worthwhile books on the market at reasonable prices, whereas they formerly were within reach of people who had fat purses. Take for example that splendid two-volume set—The Life and Letters of Walter Page, one of the best of the post-war books. Formerly it sold at \$8.00 for the set. This year one may buy the reprint set for \$2.00. I have before me a list of new series which includes the best and most interesting of non-fiction books, each title in its original edition enjoyed a wide reputation and a large sale and sold at prices varying from \$2.50 to \$5.00 and which now sell at \$1.00 each. They include biography, travel, history, art and science. Among those listed I see such outstanding books as: The Mason Bees by Fabre; The Edge of the Jungle by Beebe; The Mirrors of Downing Street; The Life of Pasteur; Astronomy for Everybody by Newcomb; Faery Lands of the South Seas, and Phillip Gibbs' book of war memoirs that has enjoyed a continued large sale for two or three years, Now That It Can Be Told.

Fiction bulks large in the pre-Christmas sale of books. There are cheaper editions of many popular novels. Warwick Deeping's Sorrel and Son, which my bookseller tells me has been one of the "best sellers"



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But to return again to this year's new books! Special mention must be made of Lawrence's own story of his adventurous career, *The Revolt of the Desert*, and Charles Lindbergh's story of his trans-Atlantic flight in his book, entitled *We*. Then there is Katherine Mayo's book, *Mother India*, which tells of present day conditions in India, and promises to be one of the most discussed books of the year.

### New Fiction

Among the new novels, *Jalna* by Mazo de la Roche, which won the Atlantic Monthly prize of \$10,000, stands high. Canadians take a special pride in this book as it comes from the pen of a fellow country-woman. Its setting is Ontario and its characters are members of one large family. In the United States, Glenway Westcott's book, *Grandmothers*, which won the Harper prize, promises to be very popular; it, too, centres around the life of one family and had its setting in the middle western states. L. M. Montgomery has won for herself a sure place in the interest of girl readers in this and other countries. Her new book, *Emily's Quest*, will be eagerly sought. Those who appreciated Mrs. Salverson's *Viking Heart* will look forward to her new book, *The Lord of the Silver Dragon*. Then there is Arthur Heming's *The Drama of the Forest*, an outstanding and unique nature study book that will delight many a man and boy who is a lover of outdoor life. Martha Ostenso has a new book, *The Mad Carews*, a story of love and marriage with a prairie setting. Peter McArthur's books have won a warm place in the heart of many lovers of country life. His book, *Friendly Acres*, will be greeted with pleasure by those who like his philosophical sketches. There are a number of new books of poetry. Jeffrey Farnol has a charming new novel, *The Quest Of Youth*; McCutcheon, who enthralled his reading public with *Graustark* stories has an adventure tale, *The Inn of the Hawk and Raven*. Harold Bell Wright has a modern novel, *God and the Grocer*.

To continue would be to lengthen out the list of books, which would make suitable gifts. No matter what one likes in the way of reading, one is fairly sure to find it this year among the bookseller's wares.



Alfred Noyes

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's gone!

"Operation? No! I treated it myself, at home. The swelling receded at once; in a short time there wasn't a sign of the ugly old thing! That awful nervousness and the stifled feeling are gone, too. I'm getting strong again, and doctor says there isn't a trace of goitre now. Oh, but I'm happy and full of pep—look like a new person, don't I?"

What joy and happiness this scientifically successful new medical treatment is bringing to goitre sufferers! Everywhere, hope is expressed that here at last is the one treatment for every type and degree of this dread disease. It's so simple and safe that anyone may successfully use it at home. Its results are immediate and lasting, as countless such radiant testimonies prove.

A valuable and authoritative book recently published tells all about it—the causes and prevention of goitre, the symptoms and treatment of its various forms, the experiences of men and women joyously freed and restored to abundant health. This book will gladly be sent, free, without obligation of any kind, to anyone interested in this increasingly vital subject. It may come in time to save you from the consequences of this horrible affliction. Its advice followed will relieve suffering from all kinds of goitre; will entirely remove most of them.

You who have goitre or loved ones threatened with this all too common affliction, send your name and address to the W. T. B. Laboratory, 3111 Sanborn Building, Battle Creek, Michigan, and receive your copy of this invaluable book immediately. Send today.

## No peace No rest from ECZEMA

Dread eczema—burning, itching and horribly disfiguring. Causing no end of suffering—no end of embarrassment. You get no peace in the daytime—no rest at night.

You say you have tried everything but you have not tried D. D. D., the famous prescription of a doctor, a soothing, cooling antiseptic lotion. One application and the itching stops—stops, mind you, immediately. We guarantee this. Continue the treatment and your diseased skin will come back to normal health and comfort. Thousands of grateful people testify to its wonderful results. Remember, you get instant relief. Do not delay another minute. Send NOW.

## Trial Bottle Free



Send your name and address for a generous trial bottle of D.D.D. The first touch from this trial will give you instant relief no matter how long you have suffered.

### Free Trial Coupon

D. D. D. CO., Ltd., Toronto  
Dept. 9B, 27 Lyall Ave.  
Send me prepaid trial bottle of D. D. D. prescription. (Enclose 10c to cover postage and packing.)

Name .....

Address .....

## D.D.D.

*Classified Ads. bring results.*

Sell surplus farm equipment with a *Classified Ad.*



# Overwhelming Success Achieved by Modern Marketing Service

*Simple method of advertising farm products proves profitable*

**H**OW well we have succeeded in giving farmers a simple dependable service—the utmost in quick profitable results when buying, selling, or exchanging anything—is best shown by the overwhelming approval given “Little Guide Ads.” Thousands of satisfied users—homesteaders, ranchers, grain farmers, livestock breeders, and successful agriculturists all over the West—have made more money and saved more money by using this simple marketing service.

## An Immensely Profitable Investment

Orders for Boars and Gilts Totalling \$1,250 Obtained at a Cost of Only \$10.25

The Grain Growers' Guide,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Sanford, Man.,  
Nov. 5, 1927.

Dear Sirs:

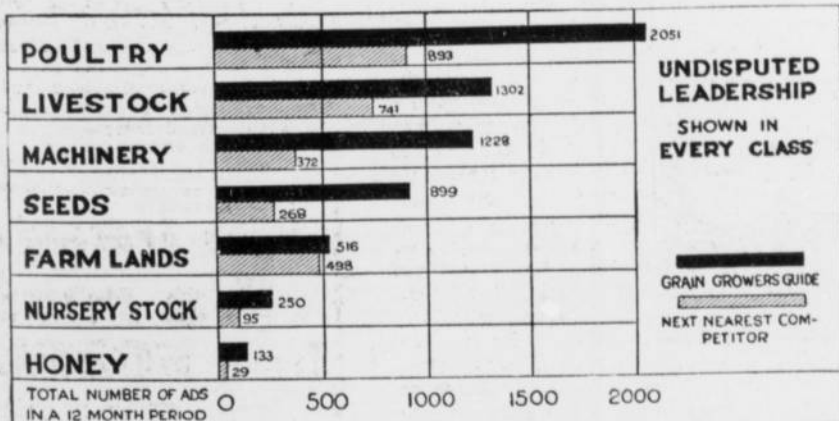
It is five or six years since I first tried advertising pure-bred swine in your “Farmers' Market Place.” At that time I had more breeding stock than I could dispose of locally. A short ad. brought all the orders I could fill and your advertising service has never failed me since.

During the last ten months at a cost of only \$10.25 I have sold over \$750 worth of hogs, returned some \$300 in Money Orders and in addition have received at least \$200 worth of orders I could not fill. In my opinion the only factors necessary to success in advertising are a brief concise ad. in a reliable paper, prompt courteous replies to enquiries and an honest, straightforward description of the article for sale.

It is my intention to continue using the “Farmers' Market Place” as a means of selling my breeding stock for I consider The Guide endeavors to see that both readers and advertisers get a square deal. Furthermore it can be relied upon to produce results since it reaches a very wide market. It surprises me that more farmers do not make use of this service.

Thanking you for your co-operation and wishing you success.

Yours truly,  
HARRY MELLOW.



Above information is for the advertising year beginning July 1, 1926 and ending June 30, 1927.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

“From my October ad. I sold 135 Barred Rock and Minorca Pullets. I have some cockerels to advertise soon and shall be glad to have you advertise them for me.”—B. Schoemperlin, Strathclair, Man.

“My experience proves that you are quite true in stating a ‘Little Guide Ad.’ produces quicker results. We had 1,000 pounds of honey for sale and sold it all within three weeks from the time the ad. appeared in ‘The Guide’ and we were unable to fill all orders.”—Rev. Simon Nilon, Saint Leon, Man.

“I got more enquiries from ‘The Guide’ than all other papers combined, viz. The Saskatchewan Farmer, The Farm and Ranch Review, The U.F.A. Bulletin, The Nor-West Farmer, The Calgary Herald, and The Montreal Star.”—J. T. Hill, Lloydminster, Sask.

“Please stop my ad. for Pure-bred Pekin Ducks. I am swamped with orders. I never saw anything like the results of advertising in The Grain Growers' Guide.”—Mrs. Roycroft, Box 97, Simpson, Sask.

“We have stopped advertising in a number of Prairie publications but will continue to use The Grain Growers' Guide as we look upon it as the best advertising medium covering the territory.”—Femberton & Son, Vancouver, B.C.

“Last year I used The Guide and the price ranged from \$5.00 to \$15 each, and do you know all the birds I sold over \$10 each was through The Guide, therefore it is with great confidence that I send in this ad.”—Fred Finch, Lanigan, Sask.

“If the farmer gives a good description of his stock and prices it according to quality he won't have any trouble selling it through The Guide.”—Newton Skidmore, Denholm, Sask.

“One ad. brought me orders from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. Last year I advertised registered Poland-China pigs and light Brahma chickens through The Guide with the result that I could have sold twice as many of both. It's a wonder more farmers don't use this service when it costs so little for the returns we get.”—Henry Dirks, Wilcox, Sask.

“Please take my ad. out of your paper as I am sold out. Thanking you for your assistance.”—Jesse Balkwill, Windthorst, Sask.

“Please insert the following ad. in your paper. I might also state I have had better luck advertising Chinchilla Rabbits in The Grain Growers' Guide than all other papers combined.”—Robt. Sims, Vulcan, Alta.

Turn to page 59 Notice the variety of things advertised in the “Farmers' Market Place.” At the bottom of this page you will find an order form which provides you with an opportunity to test out this service. At the top of the page you will find our advertising rates and instructions. Many have found “Little Guide Ads” a veritable little gold mine. If you have anything to buy, sell, or exchange don't hesitate to use this service.

**THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE** WINNIPEG MANITOBA

## Here Is Proof That Can't Be Disputed

Most of the Co-operative Seed Growers' Associations, the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Agricultural Colleges, the various Livestock associations and nearly every one of the men who have brought fame to Western Canada with their prizes for horses, cattle and seed grain have found “Little Guide Ads.” the most profitable method of marketing their surplus.

### Simplicity

Anyone can write this kind of advertisement. An improved method of classifying “Little Guide Ads.” makes them easy to find. Full instructions telling how to obtain best results and how to figure the cost will be found in the booklet mentioned below. There is nothing difficult or confusing about this method of marketing.

### Lower Cost

The rate per word is the lowest that has ever been offered for such a large circulation. Furthermore, the better results obtained makes the cost for advertising for each article sold much lower. Advertisers using this service find they save money by disposing of all they have for sale with fewer insertions of their advertisement.

**5**  
**Vital**  
**Features**  
**of this**  
**Service**

### Greater Profits

The larger volume of advertising carried attracts a larger number of buyers. This makes the “Farmers' Market Place” the Big Market, and the Big Market is the logical place to advertise to secure highest prices and greatest profits.

### Reduced Danger of Loss

Frequently, when purchasing or selling seed grain, etc., a few days' delay in getting results from advertising will cause a serious loss. The danger of such a delay can be reduced to a minimum by using the classified section of The Grain Growers' Guide. Year after year farmer advertisers find this service more dependable than any other.

### Undisputed Supremacy

Whether you wish to build up a demand for honey, nursery stock, poultry, grass seed, seed grain, or livestock, advertisers tell us (and the facts show) that this marketing service holds undisputed supremacy among all farm papers in Western Canada.

Only a small number of farmers realize what a vital part this efficient and inexpensive marketing service plays in distributing seed grain and grass seed, breeding stock of all kinds, pure-bred poultry and other products. Furthermore few realize that the farmer who does not advertise, frequently loses many times the cost of a “Little Guide Ad.” There is no need to take stockyard prices for good breeding stock, elevator prices for good quality seed, or produce firms' prices for bred-to-lay poultry. It only takes a few minutes to write a message which will reach over 110,000 farm homes at a ridiculously low cost. Get the facts from men who have tried this service. Send for our folder which contains a great deal of practical information about this modern method of marketing. It is free and may easily be worth a great deal of money to you. Don't put it off—act now! Use the coupon below.

*If we  
can do it  
for others  
we can do it  
for you.*

**THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE (Service Department)**  
290 Vaughan Street,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Gentlemen:

Please send me, free of charge, your booklet telling all about your “Farmers' Market Place” and how to make money selling surplus farm products through classified advertising.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

PROVINCE .....



Women naturally possess to a greater degree than men the qualities which are essential to success in this type of contest, namely, patience, care, and perseverance. The names of 27 women appeared in the list of last year's prize winners. Since the winning of a prize does not depend upon luck or chance, since the solving of the puzzle is of educational value, women should not be backward in taking part. Without a doubt any of the big prizes would prove a blessing in many a home.

# THOUSANDS of DOLLARS

## A Fascinating Puzzle and Generous Prizes

### How Many Miles Did This Ship Sail?



### How to Obtain the Answer

This problem is not difficult and is quite fascinating, but to pick out all the figures and add them together accurately is a task that requires a little patience and skill. Add the figures in the picture thus:  $6+2+9+7=24$ . The sum total of all the figures is the answer to the puzzle. Every figure is complete and the puzzle is entirely free from tricks and illusions. There are no figures hidden in the clouds. The figures range from 2 to 9, each standing alone thus: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. There are no one's (1) nor ciphers (0) in the chart. The tops of the 9's are closed and the bottoms straight. The 6's have a curved top and the bottom is not closed. By looking at any figure carefully you can easily tell what it is. When in doubt, write the Contest Department. In the event no one obtains the exact answer the prizes will be awarded for the nearest correct solutions.

### Use This Coupon When Sending in Your Answer

THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE,  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

In entering this contest I agree to accept the decision of the Judges in all matters as final and to comply with the rules. My answer to the problem is \_\_\_\_\_ miles, and if this is the winning answer send the prize to me to the following address:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
Use this space if you are sending in other subscriptions than your own.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ New or Renewal Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contestants who have previously sent in an answer or remittance to this puzzle, please fill in these blanks. Answer sent in \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT—Answer all questions carefully.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:  
\$1.00 for three years.  
\$2.00 for seven years.  
\$3.00 for eleven years.

Address correspondence to: The Contest Department, care of

The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Manitoba

NOTE—If your subscription was sent in by another contestant you must put his or her name and address below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

### Make One of These Wonderful Prizes Yours!

#### 1st Grand Award—total value, \$2,000

Your choice of three \$1,500 cars and \$500 cash extra. Read below how to qualify for the maximum value of the First and Second Grand Awards under "How to Qualify for Cars."

#### 2nd Grand Award—total value, \$1,400

Your choice of two \$1,150 cars and \$250 cash extra. "Extra cash" totalling \$1,280 is offered with the first seven prizes. How to win this "extra cash" is explained below—read particulars under heading "\$1,280 Extra Cash with Grand Awards."

#### 3rd Grand Award—Total Value, \$700

\$500 cash and \$200 cash extra.

#### 4th Grand Award—Total Value, \$500

\$350 cash and \$150 cash extra.

#### 5th Prize—Total Value, \$300

\$200 cash and \$100 cash extra.

#### 6th Prize—Total Value, \$200

\$150 cash and \$50 cash extra.

#### 7th Prize—Total Value, \$100

\$70 cash and \$30 cash extra.

FIVE PRIZES—\$50 each.

TWENTY-EIGHT PRIZES—\$20 each.

FORTY PRIZES—\$10 each.

FORTY PRIZES—\$5.00 each.

### How to Qualify for Cars

We are offering the First and Second prize winners their choice of 10 cars. The First Prize winner will be entitled to his choice of a Nash, Oldsmobile or Erskine Sedan (\$1,500 cars) if he sends in more than \$5.00 in subscriptions—if he sends in \$5.00 or less than \$5.00 he will be entitled to choice of the Essex Coach, Chrysler Sedan or Whippet Coach (\$1,200 cars). Similarly the winner of the Second Grand Award will be entitled to either the Star or Pontiac (\$1,150 cars) if he sends in more than \$5.00—if \$5.00 or less is sent, the Chevrolet Coach or one of the new Ford Cars.

### \$1,280 "Extra Cash" with Grand Awards

The extra cash offered with the First to Seventh Prizes is awarded at rate of \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5.00, and \$3.00 respectively for a dollar sent in up to \$10 by the successful contestants. For further details see rule four. Remember this is not a contest where the winning prize depends upon the number of subscriptions sent in. It depends entirely upon your solution to the Puzzle. There is no advantage in sending in more than \$10 in subscriptions, but every contestant is urged to qualify for the full amount of the extra cash offered with the first seven prizes.

### Another Set of 45 "Special Prizes" for December Solutions

Offered to contestants who send in the first correct or nearest correct answers during December. These "Special Prizes" will be awarded to contestants in each of three districts. District No. 1 includes Manitoba and New Ontario, west of Lake Superior. The province of Saskatchewan comprises District No. 2, and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia District No. 3.

	District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3
First Prize	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Second Prize	10.00	10.00	10.00
Third Prize	5.00	5.00	5.00
Next Three Prizes	4.00	4.00	4.00
Next Five Prizes	3.00	3.00	3.00
Next Four Prizes	2.00	2.00	2.00
Totals	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

All Special Prizes will be awarded at the same time as the regular prizes after the Contest closes. The winning of a special prize does not interfere with your winning one of the other prizes in any way.

### HOW TO ENTER Every

1. All residents of Canada living between Port Arthur, Ontario and the Pacific Coast can take part in the Contest except:

- The Grain Growers' Guide employees and their families.
- Residents in towns or cities with a population of over 2,500 unless the head of the household is actually operating a farm.

2. Additional puzzle charts may be obtained by writing to The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man. They will be mailed free of charge.

3. Every figure in this picture is complete and stands alone. The drawing is entirely free from tricks. If any contestant is in doubt, however, about a figure the Contest Department will be glad to give a ruling on it. Put a circle around the figure and send the marked chart with your letter to the Contest Secretary, care of The Grain Growers' Guide.

4. When you have solved the puzzle, fill out the big coupon carefully, putting your answer in the space provided. Note our very low subscription rates thereon. One Dollar pays for The Grain Growers' Guide for three whole years, and also qualifies you for answer to compete for the prizes. Two Dollars pays for The Grain Growers' Guide for seven years, and Three Dollars for eleven years. Subscriptions for a longer term than 11 years not accepted. The value of the first seven prizes increases with each Dollar sent in up to Ten Dollars (see prize list). A renewal subscription counts the same as a new subscription and will be extended from the day the present subscription expires.

5. Every Dollar sent in must represent your own subscription or one collected from a person who is eligible to enter the Contest (see rule 1). The prize list is a generous one, therefore the full amount of the subscription must be sent direct to The Grain Growers' Guide. No premiums are given where a solution is entered in the Contest, nor can agents or postmasters deduct a commission. Solutions cannot be changed after they reach the Contest Office.

6. You can submit more than one answer if you like, but each answer must be accompanied by at least a \$1.00 subscription. If more than one answer is sent in, one of which wins one of the



# or SKILL and ACCURACY

Make This Contest a Thrilling Pastime

No Tricks---No Strings to Our Prizes---Everything  
Clear Cut---Everyone an Equal Chance

Everybody builds "castles in the air." Everybody has some great desire. We never stop planning for the future or saving up for a new car, a new model home, or a big holiday trip, not even when prospects are sometimes discouraging. In this contest you can gratify almost any such desire. In a little of your spare time and with very little effort you can win the reward of a lifetime—but don't delay. Don't let your neighbor win your prize. Enter now! Send your solution as soon as possible.

Obey That Impulse--Start Now!

## WIN YOUR PICK OF THESE TEN CARS

And Some of the \$1,280 "Extra Cash" (See Prize List)



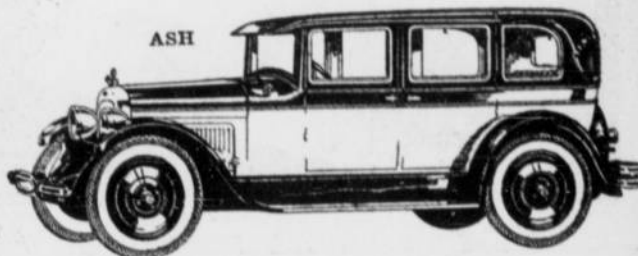
ERSKINE

**\$1,500 ERSKINE SIX CUSTOM SEDAN.** Sixty miles an hour with safety—low gas and oil upkeep, high quality materials and workmanship. Comes with complete regular equipment and with hood cover, spot light, and chains added.



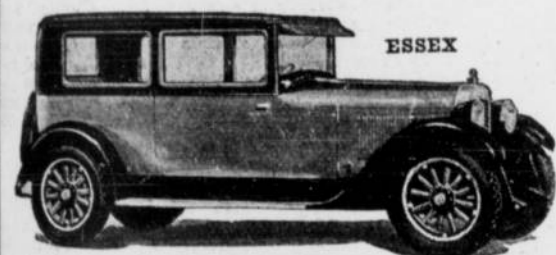
OLDSMOBILE

**\$1,500 OLDSMOBILE FOUR-DOOR SEDAN.** Equipped with motor meter, hood cover, and trunk equipment. Smarter, roomier, more luxurious. Wonderful response to accelerator, wheel, or brakes.



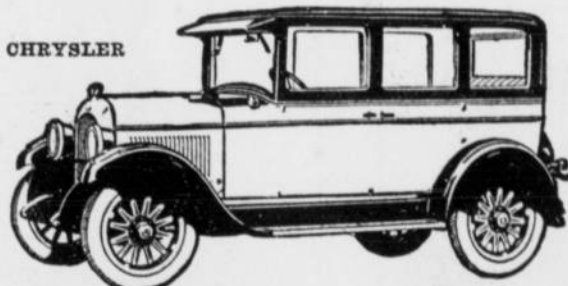
ASH

**\$1,500 NASH MODEL 32 FOUR-DOOR SEDAN.** Has a sensational seven-bearing motor. Comes to you fully equipped. You will get a thrill out of its speed, power, and smoothness.



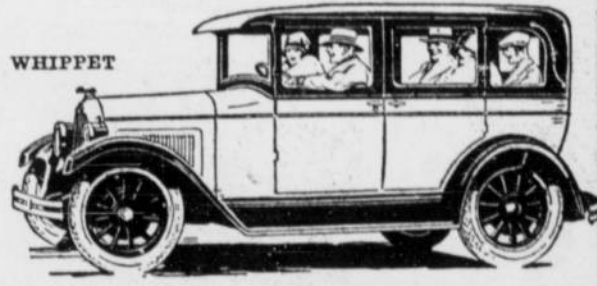
ESSEX

**\$1,200 ESSEX SUPER-SIX COACH.** Greater in power, more versatile in performance, larger, roomier, and more beautifully appointed. Has exclusive high compression anti-knock motor.



CHRYSLER

**\$1,200 CHRYSLER "52" FOUR-DOOR SEDAN.** Ample room for five, ample performance, amply equipped. The doors are wide—the saddle spring type cushions restful—the colors especially attractive.



WHIPPET

**\$1,200 WHIPPET FOUR LANDAU SEDAN.** Flashing performance—power, speed, stamina, and economy proved in dramatic demonstrations. Fully equipped—with motor meter, chains, hood cover and spot light added.



PONTIAC

**\$1,140 PONTIAC SIX TWO-DOOR COACH.** A car that gives ease and luxury in driving and riding that makes motoring take on a new meaning. Ultra smart in appearance—equipped with bumpers, bumperettes, and five tires.

## The New Ford

Many people are eagerly awaiting a description of Ford's new car. We are expecting this information daily but in the meantime we are offering the winner of the Second Grand Award his choice of any model new "Ford" not exceeding \$925 f.o.b. Winnipeg.

We will deliver any of these cars free of charge to your nearest station or town. Any contestant who already owns a car can obtain the cash value of whichever car is chosen equivalent to the price we have contracted to pay for the car.



CHEVROLET

**\$917 CHEVROLET TWO-DOOR COACH.** A car of marvellous smartness with quality in design, quality in construction, quality in appearance and performance, long, low sweeping lines.



STAR

**\$1,160 STAR FOUR SPECIAL SEDAN.** Combines utility, style and economy with remarkable ease of control and ready accessibility of all working parts. Power and speed to spare.

### an Equal Opportunity

...the money sent in with your other answers will be the value of that prize. ...who give their subscription to some other contestant want to send in an answer themselves may do so. No ...is necessary providing they write on the big ...page the name of the person to whom they paid ...also the amount paid. Space is provided at ...the coupon for this purpose.

...should remit by Postal Note, Bank, Postal, or ...Order. These should be made payable to The ...Guide.

...who has won \$300 or more in one of our previous ...Contests cannot win either of the First Four Prizes ...et. Only one person in any household can win a ...The Contest will close in January.

...contestant may receive help from anyone except:

...contestant taking part in this Contest. ...one who has won more than \$300 in any previous "Guide" ...Puzzle Contest.

...a second puzzle is necessary to break a tie for any ...contestants will solve another Figure Puzzle re ...in addition and subtraction. The rules recited ...to the second puzzle with whatever additions or ...are found necessary. Should two or more persons ...to the Second Puzzle which tie for a prize, that ...many prizes following as there are persons tied will ...divided among them. The Grain Growers' Guide ...right not to accept any remittance with the Second

...it is reserved to alter these rules and regulations for ...of contestants or "The Guide"; to refund subscrip ...qualify any competitors on the recommendation of ...Contestants agree, upon entering the Contest, to ...rules and to accept the decision of the Judges in all ...nal. All prize winners must agree to submit an ...any point if requested.

### Important Questions Answered

You will save valuable time by reading carefully all the information on this page. The prize list and the contest rules contain a great deal of information and you are urged to read these a second time. Several contestants have overlooked the necessity of sending along a subscription with their answer in order to comply with rule No. 4. On the other hand some contestants think there is a \$1.00 entrance fee, whereas a remittance of \$1.00 covers a three year subscription to our publication and qualifies your solution to compete for the prizes. The questions most frequently asked are found below with their answers.

- Q. Do the figures forming the outline of the sails and the waves underneath have to be added, and does the hook on the figure seven constitute a second figure seven?
- A. The larger three's (3's) underneath the Ship, the figure seven's (7's) used to make the outline of the sails, in fact, every figure forming part of the Ship or the water underneath must be added in order to obtain a winning solution. There are no figures in the clouds and there is no trick in this puzzle. Pay no attention to the hook on the sevens. All that is required is accuracy in addition.
- Q. Can I send in additional subscriptions later on and have the money applied to my solution so as to increase the value of my prize?
- A. It is not necessary for a contestant to send in the entire amount of subscription money at any one time. Accurate records are kept and every time a contestant makes a remittance the amount will be added to the previous amount which a contestant has to his credit. Space is provided on the coupon in case contestants wish to do this.
- Q. Can I enter the Contest by renewing my own subscription or do I have to collect other subscriptions?
- A. No matter when your subscription to The Grain Growers' Guide expires we will accept a renewal of your own subscription for \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00 in this Contest. As far as sending in other subscriptions is concerned, the winning of a prize depends entirely upon the solution sent in. You may win the First Prize if you only send in a \$1.00 subscription, but careful reading of the prize list shows the value of the first Seven Prizes increases with every \$1.00 sent in up to \$10.00. The Grain Growers' Guide is such a wonderful value at the rate charged that it is an easy matter to send in additional subscriptions and qualify for the full amount of all the prizes.

### The Judges

As was explained more fully in our last issue, Premier John Bracken of Manitoba and Hon. T. A. Crerar erased certain figures from the picture of the "Treasure Ship" so that no one knows the correct answer to the puzzle, not even the artist nor the Contest Department. In addition to these two officials three judges have been appointed to examine the Contest records, award the prizes, and look after the interests of all contestants. Their names are: J. H. Evans, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba; K. Drennan, manager of John Scott & Company, Chartered Accountants; and R. S. Law, secretary of the United Grain Growers' Limited. Every contestant is guaranteed fair and impartial treatment.

---SEND FOR EXTRA CHARTS---

### THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Dear Sirs:

Please send me.....copies of the "Treasure Ship" Figure Puzzle, also complete prize list and details of the Contest.

Name .....

Address .....

This Contest is open to all rural people living between Port Arthur and the Pacific Coast.



# Remember to use OLD DUTCH

for Healthful  
Cleanliness



CHASES  
DIRT

Made  
in  
Canada

## Newest Styles



## Low Excursion Fares Via Great Northern Ry.

During December, 1927, and early January, 1928, Holiday Excursions to Eastern Canada, Home Visitors' Fares to the States, Winter Tourist Fares to Florida and other Southern States. All-year tourist fares to California.

Liberal stop-overs, long return limits.

If it is your intention to travel this winter or any time we can interest you with our splendid train service.

USE

**The Winnipeg Limited**

To the Twin Cities, Chicago

**The Oriental Limited**

Finest Train To and From the Pacific  
Northwest en route to California

## Great Northern

A Dependable Railway

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coupon  
or  
phone



W. T. Hetherington, District Passenger and Freight Agent  
Great Northern Railway,  
226 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man.  
Telephone A 6603-A 1123

Please send me cost and other information about a  
☐ Eastern Canada ☐ Home Visitors' ☐ Winter  
Tourist ☐ California trip via Great Northern.

Name.....

Address.....

No. 3106—For Youth. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material.  
No. 2884—Surplice Closing. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 36-inch contrasting.  
No. 2300—Looking Slim. The pattern comes in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 4¼ yards of 40-inch material. Emb. pattern No. 730 (blue or yellow) is 15 cents extra.  
No. 3193—Irresistible Charm. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 36-inch contrasting.  
No. 3195—Printed Velvet. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 40-inch contrasting.

No. 2848—Charmingly Simple. The pattern comes in sizes 18 years, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material.  
No. 3187—One-piece Dress. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 40-inch contrasting.  
No. 2929—One-piece Dress. The pattern comes in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 1½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 27-inch contrasting.  
No. 3116—Save the Frock. The pattern comes in sizes small, medium and large. The medium size requires 2 yards of 40-inch material. The pattern comes in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 2 yards of 40-inch material.  
All patterns 15 cents each in stamps or money order.



## For Winter Wear



No. 3183—Printed Velvet. The pattern comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¼ yard of 36-inch contrasting.

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## Strawberries at Valley River

The heavy fall of snow with which we horticulturists have been favored in the first half of November, 1927, is a real asset to our strawberry plants. It will not now be necessary to mulch with manure as usual unless one feels that the snow may go away again and uses a mulch as a safeguard. I don't suppose a mulch will hurt anyway. We had some covered before the snow came but now, owing to the presence of the snow and dislike of needless labor, and also the fact that plants for sale are a lot easier to dig if not mulched, I think we will take chances on the strawberry beds till spring, unless a fairly complete thaw comes, which is unlikely.

Many people have asked me how the strawberries were in 1927, and I had to answer that on the plants we had there was a fairly good crop owing to plenty of rain, but that we had a poor stand of plants in 1926 owing to dry weather and, of course, we cannot get a big crop off a small stand of plants. So it really seems to be necessary to have two rather good years' moisture in succession in order to raise a full crop of this luscious fruit.

The new Mastodon everbearers are somewhat the biggest in fruit of the everbearers and the quality is not as good as some of the smaller varieties, such as Progressive and Champion. On our light soil it is rather a poor plant maker, but seems as hardy without protection as any strawberry. For commercial purposes I do not favor everbearers. The fruit ripens slowly and if one is hiring it picked it takes about half the crop returns to satisfy the picker. The best commercial strawberries are the large, firm berries that come in ripe in large quantities and can be picked with a minimum of labor and the patch laid over till next year.

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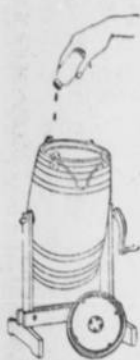
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This little article will give an idea of what varieties I have found best on my farm, but on real heavy land other varieties may succeed as well. If you have the idea of starting a strawberry patch next spring, get one of those free booklets on Growing Small Fruits in Manitoba from J. R. Almey, horticulturist, Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg. It is the best you can get at any price. —W. J. Boughen, Valley River, Manitoba.

### Dahlias

Dahlias are easily grown, the two chief requirements of their culture being plenty of moisture at blooming time and sufficient cultivation at all other times. Cultivation should, for the most part, be fairly shallow as the fine feeding roots of the plant will generally be found close to the surface of the ground.

It is safe to plant out-doors after the middle of May, at times perhaps earlier. With good care, strong tubers of early blooming varieties planted at that time can be expected to begin blooming in about nine weeks, or about the twentieth of July. The tuber should be planted on a slant with the eye not more than four inches below the surface of the ground. Sprouting is hastened if the bud is covered lightly to begin with, earth being drawn in as growth advances. Best blooms result if the plants are allowed to send up only one stalk, any other sprouts being pulled up.

Largest flowers are grown by practicing disbudding, and this must be done if the blooms are required for exhibition; but plants which have the number of blooms thus restricted are not of the same value for garden decoration as those which are allowed to bloom at their own sweet will. Personally, I admit to a strong feeling in favor of the latter method.

Unless grown behind good shelter it is advisable to stake dahlias. The best time to put in the stake is when the tuber is being planted, since if it is driven after growth has begun there is danger of injury to the roots. The stake should be put in firmly and the plant tied to it with some material which will not weaken with the action of the weather.

Soon after the tops are frozen down is the time to dig, taking care to get the tubers up without breaking them. Storing the tubers seems to be the trick for most growers. I have had first-class results by storing them in an earth cellar, sifting dry soil over them. For storing in this way no soil is removed from the clumps which are stored entire, being placed upside down to permit all moisture to drain from the stalks. If tubers begin to spoil they can sometimes be saved by cutting out all the decayed part and dusting the cut surface heavily with flowers of sulphur.

Another satisfactory method of storage is to separate the tubers, placing them in layers in boxes, with soil, sand, ashes or sawdust for packing material. Still another method, recommended for use where the air in the store room is very dry, is to separate the tubers and cover each one with a good coating of parowax.

The temperature and humidity of the store room are the two factors that determine which of these methods it is most advisable to use.

The dahlia is deservedly one of the most popular of flowers, easily grown, very effective in the garden, fairly satisfactory as a cut flower; and if some care is taken, the tubers are not difficult to store. With this flower, as with the gladiolus, the latest novelties command high prices, but by making a judicious selection of the older varieties a quite satisfactory collection may be got together at a moderate expense. And the few dollars thus spent on dahlias are a few dollars well spent.—A. R. Munday.

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THE first station in Canada, it is believed, to broadcast pictures by radio as a regular part of its program is CJRM. Experiments have been made for some time with apparatus for sending and receiving radio pictures, and it is believed that the transmission of drawings and photographs will be a common feature at many broadcasting stations in the near future.

Instructions for making up picture receivers for attachment to ordinary receiving sets and amplifiers are now appearing in various radio magazines and there is likely to be a demand for transmission service from broadcasting stations which would send out pictures, or the audible equivalent of pictures, for practice purposes in the early stages of development and later for serious work, such as pictures of wanted law-breakers, finger prints, news photographs and so on.

This will be but a preliminary to actual television, whereby speakers and artists in radio studios will be made visible to the audience. It is no dream, though it may seem fantastic. Let those who doubt it just cast their minds back to seven or eight years ago and remember what they thought then of the possibility of hearing so many radio concerts in their homes that nations would have to get together in an attempt to regulate the traffic of music and speech through the ether. Those who have been associated with wireless telegraphy and radio broadcasting from the early days of their commercial development, know that pictures and television as a home entertainment proposition are not far off.

### Simple Apparatus Required

The apparatus required for transmitting elementary radio pictures is surprisingly simple. The first pictures being sent out by CJRM are of the simple black-and-white type. The black portions of the pictures are conducting and close a circuit as the drawings revolve on a cylinder, through a stylus which explores the entire surface of the picture just as the needle of the old cylinder phonographs used to move along the record. Whenever the circuit is completed, a current flows and operates a device which creates a sound. The sounds are picked up in ordinary broadcast receivers and amplified sufficiently so that the equivalent impulses will actuate one of the several known types of reproducer. The reproducer makes impressions on paper wrapped around a cylinder which revolves at exactly the same speed as that at the sending station.

In order to ensure proper timing of the revolutions, absolutely necessary for faithful reproduction of the pictures, the receiving cylinder is made to stop and start once each turn. A portion of the transmitting cylinder is made to send out an impulse with each revolu-

tion and this impulse stops the receiving cylinder each turn, and so keeps it in step. Nothing novel is claimed for the method described, it is well known to experimenters. In including the transmission of radio pictures among its regular program features, however, CJRM is taking a distinct step forward and may be remembered as a pioneer in this art years hence, when television is a common everyday affair.

CJRM is broadcasting a radio picture every Monday evening at seven o'clock, mountain time. The transmission occupies only a few minutes and is followed by a brief talk on radio picture making. It is not expected that this feature will appeal to the mass of listeners. The time is not yet ripe for that, but it is thought that it will tend to stimulate an interest in the subject by experimenters who will take it up as a new branch of the radio hobby and perhaps make valuable discoveries and inventions.

Those doubters who suggest that radio pictures are not worth transmitting because few people, if any, are equipped to reproduce them, should be reminded that some of us remember broadcasting music to audiences estimated at only a few dozen listeners.

### Armistice Service by CNRW

The annual armistice commemoration service, held in the Walker theatre Winnipeg, was this year broadcast by CNRW, the Canadian National Railway's station. The Manitoba station is rented by the railroad company for concert broadcasts from the Fort Garry Hotel, but this is the first occasion on which CKY has broadcast the service under call letters other than its own.

### The Aurora and Radio

It is astonishing to find folks in these modern times who think northern lights, or the aurora borealis, are due to light reflected from the ice-fields surrounding the north pole. It is not so surprising to hear radio fans say that the aurora affects their reception of programs from long distance stations, for the scientists themselves do not appear to agree as to the effect of the "blue, yellow and red" streamers upon radio operation.

Some years ago, I read in *Modern Electrics* magazine a thrilling article by David Sarnoff, then wireless operator on board the steamer Beothic which had recently been off northern Labrador and now, I believe, a director of the Radio Corporation of America. In this article David Sarnoff described some experiments he made with his spark transmitter during some exceptionally brilliant displays of aurora. He discovered, he said, that when he pressed the key of his wireless set the streamers would shift their position in the sky. This would certainly seem to



indicate a direct connection between radio waves and the aurora.

However, subsequent to my reading the article, I happened to be appointed to a ship which took me to Chesterfield Inlet. This is within a few hundred miles of the magnetic north pole (not to be confused with the geographic pole) and on several nights while I was there the aurora made a magnificent display. Two beautiful sights in my experience will long remain in my mind. One was the city of Quebec at early morn, framed in a rainbow which might have been made to measure, and the other was the gorgeous aurora at Chesterfield in north-west Hudson Bay on a certain night in August.

The following is quoted from my diary: "The aurora was to be seen in all parts of Hudson Bay on any fine night, and on this particular night appeared as a wonderful curtain in the sky, changing hue and shape in a sort of wave motion passed across it as folds will traverse a heavy curtain when shaken. I noticed no static effects in my telephones, at which I was somewhat surprised as the magnificence of the aurora made me expect manifestations of some electrical disturbance. On other occasions during the trip I tried the visible effect of wireless transmission upon the streamer form of aurora, but did not observe the deflection noted by Mr. David Sarnoff in an article a year or two back."

Since then, radio receivers have been considerably improved but I do not know that the actual effect of aurora upon reception has been definitely determined, though I think some relationship between sun-storms, aurora, the earth's magnetism, telegraphic and radio communication is generally accepted as a fact.

The question of aurora with respect to its causing "fading of radio signals," opens a discussion beyond the limits of these columns. It was treated in a very interesting manner in the July issue of Radio Broadcast, by a member of the MacMillan Greenland expedition. In that article the writer made the following references to aurora and static: "The district in northern Labrador where these studies were made, is known as the zone of maximum amount of aurora. . . . No static noises were noticed at all during any of the aurora displays, and all was quiet except for noises caused locally about the ship."

#### Radio Listeners' Questionnaire

Guide readers who are radio listeners are invited to write to the Radio editor, care of this magazine, giving their replies to the following questions: 1. Which is your favorite station in the United States? 2. Which is your favorite Canadian station and why? 3. Place figures against the following items in the order in which they appeal to you: Classical music, popular music, farm talks, sporting events, news, grain market reports, lectures. Answers to these questions would be appreciated and it is hoped that a considerable number of readers will respond.

#### Correspondence

C. A. K., Snipe Lake, Sask.—Cannot undertake to advise as to which is the best radio set, but can assure you that some very reliable makes are advertised in the pages of The Guide. My favorite is among them but I must not whisper its name. Read through the radio advertising in The Guide and see which one seems the best. You will probably be right.

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## Comfort While Travelling

How to order meals on trains and in hotels—Luggage needed

By BERTHA BOWMAN

"TO be or not to be" comfortable while travelling, that is the question—and the way in which it is answered has a great deal to do with one's pleasure.

Train or sea sickness—caused, we are told, by the nervous tenseness with which some brace themselves unconsciously against the motion—is a bug-bear to a good many people. The best preventative is to relax the body to the motion of the boat or train, instead of being braced against it. A good idea is to get out on the promenade deck of a boat and walk until one gets the "feel" of it. An attack of sea sickness can often be warded off in this way. Light meals of easily digested foods are best for those subject to attacks of biliousness—fruits, salads, milk desserts. Some people find that one of the soda drinks, such as ginger ale, taken when the first symptom of train sickness is felt helps them greatly.

Speaking of meals, the menu card may appear rather formidable to the inexperienced traveller. The method of giving the order varies. Sometimes the person ordering writes the items on the order form, and sometimes this is done by the waiter, and sometimes the order is given orally. Usually the printed menu has directions on it which way the order should be given. It is a convenience to oneself and to the waiter, as well as the mark of an experienced traveller, to be able to decide quickly what one wishes to eat.

### Ordering Meals

Sometimes one is presented with two menu cards—the a la carte and the table d'hôte. The table d'hôte card lists the special meal that is ready to be served. One orders, let us say, a dinner for a dollar and a half. There will be a soup, a fish course, perhaps: a choice of two or three meats, with vegetables; a choice of two or three desserts; a choice of beverage, and some breadstuff.

The table d'hôte menu is usually served only at meal hours, but it is ready to be set before you when you order it. The a la carte menu, on the other hand, is a list of the dishes which the house is prepared to serve. Each dish is listed at a separate price, and will be prepared especially for you. A person may choose a meal to suit himself, and an a la carte dish will be prepared, usually, at any hour. Of course, this means waiting while the food is prepared—not less than ten minutes, and, according to what is ordered, it may be longer.

A la carte servings are larger than table d'hôte ones; indeed, for children, or persons with small appetites, it is often possible to divide an order. If one is familiar with the a la carte sheet, and knows just what one wants, there is greater freedom of choice in planning one's own menu, but if time is a consideration, or if the list of unfamiliar foods proves confusing, it is by far the easier to order a table d'hôte meal, and, for the inexperienced, cheaper. It is quite possible, though unnecessary, to order a meal, a la carte, that will total three or four dollars, or more.

There are many different types of food service available. The hotel dining-room may be open all day or it may be open only during meal hours. In that case, a smaller lunch room or lunch counter may be available during the hours the dining-room is closed. Most hotels offer private service of food in the bedrooms to those desiring it. This is a great convenience when one is feeling indisposed. The order may be phoned down to the private service department or to the head waiter, and the order will then be brought up on a small table or tray. An extra charge is made for this service, and of course an extra tip for the waiter is necessary.

For quick service the cafeteria is to be desired. It is worked on a self-serve system. The customer enters, picks up his tray, and moves along a counter and selects the food he wants; he passes a checker who values his meal, and gives him a check marked

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## Looking On at Ottawa

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he will leave in politics, Arthur Meighen will be remembered as one of the greatest debaters and one of the most masterful parliamentarians that the Canadian House of Commons has seen. Yet, judged by the ordinary standards of politics, he was a dismal failure. He had two deplorable defects. The first was a propensity to under-rate his opponents. The second—and even more fatal one—was his inability to judge men, resulting in his surrounding himself with advisers of the most limited intelligence. Those who know Meighen, and who appreciated the faultless mechanism of his extraordinary mind, could never understand how he could so eagerly associate with and take the counsel of men of such inferior calibre. Yet this he constantly did. He would listen to a ward heeler as though he were an inspired voice, and his great power of analysis and logic were seemingly never applied to the foolish advice tendered him by colleagues who were hopelessly out of touch with the realities of politics. Meighen never seemed to realize that his real strength lay in the fact that his courage and ability had made an impression upon the consciousness of tens of thousands of electors who cared nothing for party names and party shibboleths. To him the only things that seemed to count were the externals of party organization, the ward associations, and the other empty things of politics, and in the end these betrayed and deserted him. It was because of these defects more than anything else that he failed to reach the summits.

### Unperceived Forces at Work

It was the hopeless people by whom he was surrounded who led Meighen into the folly of a blue-ruin campaign in 1925 and 1926. Encouraged by their advice, he became a Jeremiah, preaching disaster that could only be averted by higher and still higher tariffs. The broad, generous, big spirit which ought to have characterized the party gave way to fault-finding, scolding and irritable and undignified abuse. On both sides there was an absence of size and measure. Politics had resolved itself into a sort of vendetta between Meighen and King.

While Meighen preached blue-ruin, forces which he did not seem to perceive were at work. Large expenditures were being planned and made upon water power developments for the production of electrical energy; mighty increases were being made in the production of pulp and paper; Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec began yielding unheard of riches. The West, too, was being transformed. With almost fewer farmers, the prairies were producing more bushels of grain, more head of livestock; there was a marked increase of dairy products, a material development in the production of other things over a widely distributed area. The whole country marched forward. The result was that the Conservative party lost ground. Mr. King with his glowing and often insincere promises and fatuous optimism, became a more inviting figure than Mr. Meighen, with his bleak prophecies of disaster. This, added to the antagonism of Quebec, which refuses to let the sun set upon the

wrath of 1917, produced the Meighen debacle of 1926.

Whether the party has learnt its lesson only time will tell. At Winnipeg it showed signs of repentance. That convention, despite its tendency to pussy-foot, as instance the speak-easy character of its platform, was at least dominated by the party's better element. The reactionaries and the ward heelers were there, the machinemen and the fanatics and the people who think that protection is the be-all and end-all of politics, but they were not victorious. Had they been given their way R. B. Bennett would not have been the leader. There were at least three other candidates who would have better served their ends and who had their support.

Of Bennett himself it is too early to speak. He has not the parliamentary ability of Meighen, and it is doubtful whether he is Meighen's intellectual equal in many other respects; but he is a powerful, aggressive personality nevertheless, and a force to be reckoned with. The one great advantage that he possesses over Meighen is that he starts off with a more united party, that he is, for the time being at least, not a subject of treachery, and that he is in a position to get rid of a lot of the party barnacles that afflicted Meighen and to bring some youth and vigor and fresh minds into his following. If he succeeds in such things, it will be the country's gain. For what Canada needs today, next to a strong government and an alert and interested and informed



Prize winning model in the 1927 Winnipeg War Memorial Contest. By Elizabeth Wood. Toronto.



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## War Memorials

**W**INNIPEG is to have its civic war memorial at last. After two years' ludicrous negotiations, the prize has been finally awarded to Elizabeth Wood. A competition was held two years ago and the highly meritorious work of a Toronto sculptor was acclaimed as the prize winner. Then the monument committee was outraged to discover that the fortunate sculptor to whom they had awarded the prize was born in Germany! It mattered nothing to them that his parents moved to Canada when he was two years old, and that his sentiments were the same as many others who enlisted under the flag of his adoption. He was born in Germany. That settled the matter. Mr. Hahn was promptly put in his place by the patriots and the competition declared a wash-out.

Another competition was advertised. There was to be no shenanigan about this one. The committee were going to check over the pedigrees of the contestants before they were to be allowed to enter the ring, like a group of breeders buying a stud horse. Having provided this safeguard against contaminating the springs of patriotism, everything would be well. This contest was to be final. Climax: It is now discovered that Miss Wood, the winner, is the Canadian born wife of Emanuel Hahn, the prize winner of the first contest whose work was thrown out. Citizens who feel that war time animosities ought to be buried laughed in their sleeves, while the committee was speechless, choked by its own choler.

### One of Several

Winnipeg has not been fortunate in its war memorials. For the most part they serve as reminders of the mad enthusiasms of the early war years instead of the insensate folly which every nation engaged in it now knows it to have been: they tend to glorify the drawn sword and to obliterate the lessons it taught. This statue of Miss Wood's, this "Man With the Chip on his Shoulder" as it might be aptly called, is the most offensive of all in this respect, unless it is the statue in front of St. Boniface Cathedral of the French infantryman rallying to the attack, his face distorted by the frenzy of battle.

Against these the dignified bronze at Portage and Main offers a pleasing contrast. It is the statue of a junior officer in winter trench kit—nothing more. His burly figure, with its capable legs squarely planted, shoulders already slightly stooped by trials with Death, faces his objective, alone and unafraid. It breathes a spirit of splendid, but subdued power. The spectator feels he is in the presence of one who is concerned solely with duty. There is here no provocative challenge, no vain-glorious boasting. The utter misery of trench warfare is not charmed away by using an allegorical figure as Miss Wood has done.

For some of those who grieve over the loss of kin war memorials are a symbol of their sacrifice, and a criticism of a statue immediately becomes in their minds an offence against the memory of departed heroes. To these people it must be shown with all gentleness that the severest critics of the purpose animating much of our war statuary are those who have shared the experiences of those whose memories they cherish; that if such monuments can serve a good purpose, it is to create a public sentiment which statesmen dangle with war plans dare not flout.

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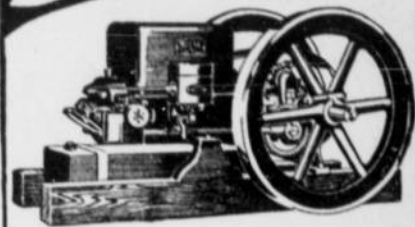
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## Round Robin's Red Barn

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pungent fragrance of the balsam fills the room like incense. The woman brings out a box, and they trim the tree; strings of popcorn and cranberries, bits of bright paper caught together with wool, pictures cut from magazines dangling from strings, candle ends attached with wire. There are packages of home-made candy, a doll, new mittens. The tall man reaches up and fastens a cardboard star covered with silver tin-foil to the top. The woman steps back, flushed and excited.

"Isn't it beautiful?" she exclaims rapturously. "I never hoped it would look like that. Seems almost as if the tree is shining. It's got a sort of light around it, seems to me."

The man gazes at it from under frowning brows, his hands thrust deep in his pockets.

"It makes me sick!" he mutters savagely through clenched teeth. "Sick, that's what it makes me. When I think of that crew sittin' in their gilded ballroom—and all off my timber. Mine! By God, I'll get even with them yet!"

"Oh, Jim, don't! That's no way to feel on Christmas night." The woman lays her hand on his arm and looks up into the glowing eyes. "We're happier than they are, right now. I know it somehow. Or we would be if you could only soften your heart to your enemies."

"Never! Never, till I get my rights. Oh, it ain't myself I care about. It's you and the kids. Sometimes it seems like I can't stand it, when I get to thinkin'." She lifts her hand to smooth the wind-blown heavy hair, and murmurs to him. His arms go out around her, close. Presently he holds her back and looks down at her, smiling.

"Come on. Let's get the kids up and have Christmas."

In they come, sleepy, round-eyed, awe-struck with wonder at the tree. And immediately it is Christmas in the room! Excitement and laughter, shrieks of delight, until at last the lamp is put out and they sit quietly watching the candles burn down. The little girl gazes with rapt wide eyes at the glittering star.

"Mother," she tugs the coarse wool sleeve, "Mother, what does the star mean?"

"Why, you know, dear, only you may have forgotten. It's the star that went before the wise men and hung over the manger where Jesus was born."

"Wasn't it cold in the manger?"

"Yes, it was cold. I expect Mary was quite worried about Him. Jim, tuck up Bob's feet a little better, will you?"

"Was He a little baby just like me?"

"Very much like you, dear."

The boy sits up in his father's arms.

"What did He do when He grew up?"

"He brought Love into the world."

"Is that all?"

"That is all. He just brought Love into the world."

"That isn't much! I'm going to do much more than that when I grow up."

"That is what all men think, dear, but they never do."

"Well, I will, you wait and see!"

The little girl lifts drowsy lids to look once more at the star.

"Isn't Bob silly, Mother?" she murmurs, almost asleep. "He thinks he knows more than Jesus."

Extraordinary how children hit on things! There it was, of course. We all think we know more than Jesus. We go on giving the party, but we forget the Principal Guest. The spirit of Christ isn't there, and so, in spite of all the tinsel, it just simply isn't Christmas. Very nice and jolly and all that, but not Christmas.

I went back to the old lady.

"Well," she said, "have you found it?"

"Of course," I said, "it's quite simple. The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of Christmas. And the Spirit of Christ is Love. All that those people lacked, rich and poor, town and country, was Love. If they had loved one another, everything would have been all right."

Her brown eyes twinkled at me.

"Pity you had to write such a lot to find it out," she smiled, "but then we all seem to take the long way 'round Robin's Red Barn, when it is all right here, waiting for us." She picked up the little brown book again.

"And Jesus said: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another."

"It's simple, isn't it?" she asked, looking at me over the top of her "specs."

"Oh, very," I said, but I sat for a long time wondering.

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## Our Old England

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living conditions in a mediaeval castle. The loveliest of all the castles that I saw, however, is Bodiam, on the boundary between Kent and Sussex, a few miles from the town of Battle. This is one of the castles bought by Lord Curzon and presented to the nation.

It is a tiny castle, built in a small artificial lake. To-day white lilies and swans swim on the surface of the lake and as you come upon it and see the old grey walls mirrored in the water and the towers silhouetted against the sky, you cannot feel that it is a fortress built by man, but rather a lovely steel engraving to illustrate the Idylls of the King.

Those castles which are still occupied are a little disappointing since you are shown such a small part of them. For instance, in Carlisle you see only the ramparts, an old Roman well in the thickness of one of the walls and one dungeon. But that is the most satisfying dungeon I ever saw. It is away down below the level of the moat. The only air comes in through a zig-zag slit in the roof and when the door is closed no light at all enters. The foundation of the castle projects into the dungeon about eighteen inches, forming a ledge along one wall about two feet higher than the floor level. The gentle and joyous custom of our ancestors with a prisoner whom they particularly did not like, was to stand him on the ledge, and chain him by the neck to an iron ring in the wall. If he stepped off the ledge, he hung himself. Undoubtedly many a poor devil sought release from his sufferings through the door of death by stepping off the ledge. Others not chained up suffered from thirst. The castle is built of red sandstone and one stone in that dungeon is always moist. The prisoners found this stone and used to lick it for its little moisture, placing a hand against the wall and stooping over to lick it. The imprint of the human hand is worn into the stone the thirty-second part of an inch, while the moist stone is liked into a cave fully two inches deep. When we think of the thousands of parched tongues that licked that stone, we realize that the Red Indian, whom we were taught to consider as past masters in the art of cruelty were mere beginners when compared with our ancestors.

Edinburgh and Stirling are two perfect specimens of mediaeval fortresses, but, being occupied, about all one sees are the outworks and a few of the historical rooms.

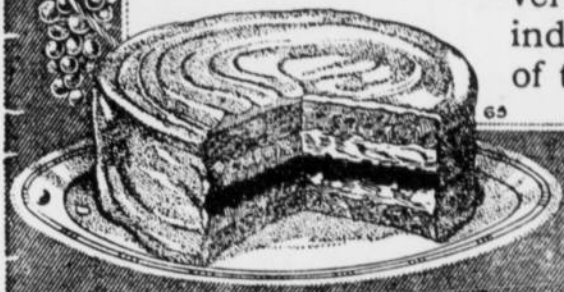
### English Cathedrals

The most satisfying of all the old buildings I saw is Holyrood. This, I think, because the apartments of that romantic figure Mary Queen of Scots are unchanged. There you see her bed, her chair, her writing table and there, on the wall hangs a facsimile of the letter she wrote to her brother-in-law the day before her execution. Of all the letters I have ever read that is the saddest, that is the loneliest, that is the bravest. The loveliest old buildings in England are the cathedrals. Each of these has some feature of special interest to allure, but all are beautiful. One can stand for over an hour before the carved oak screen that divides the lady chapel from the rest of the cathedral at Chester, and yet fail to master the intricacies of the carving. Years and years of patient loving labor must have gone to the carving of that wonderful masterpiece. At Exeter one stands, much as Gareth must have stood that misty morning when, with his two followers, he came to the gateway of Camelot, that magic city, built in one night by Merlin to the sound of elfin music. Just as with him, so with the visitor to Exeter, the carvings on that massive stone front seem to come to life and to play their parts before him, and inside is an east window which presents the finest colored glass in England. At Salisbury one sees a spire four hundred and forty feet high, like a young fir tree carven in stone and a cloister court almost filled with huge cedars of Lebanon, so calm, so peaceful, that it seems the fitting home for meditation, prayer and perhaps a little

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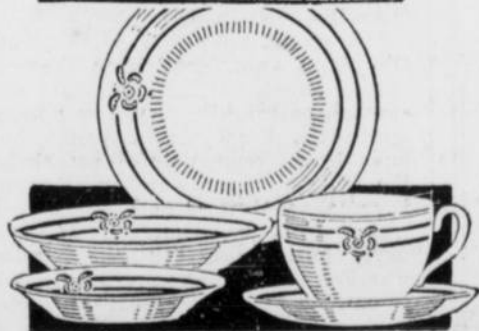
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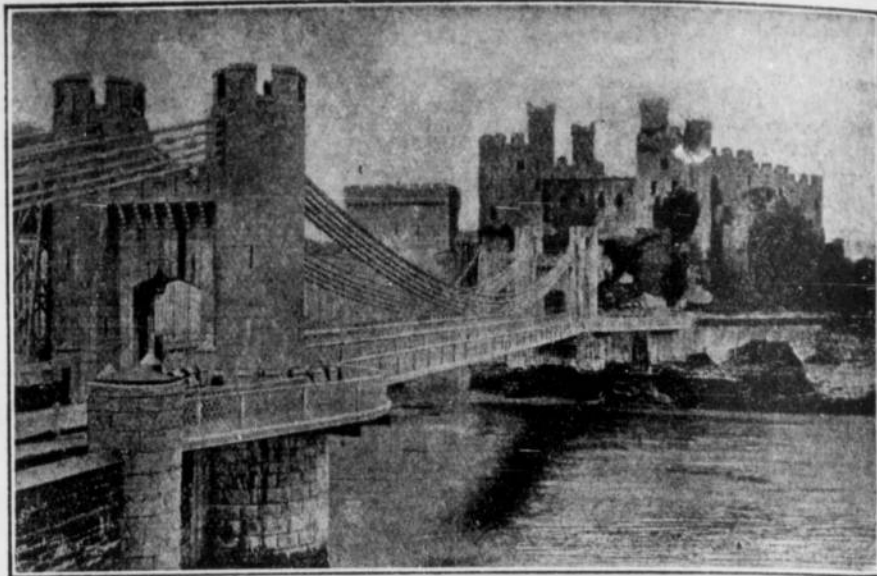
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Conway Castle, Wales; one of the points of interest in the author's pilgrimage.

sorrow; for under the cloister arches have been set up the wooden crosses from the graves of the men of Salisbury diocese who gave their lives in the great war. Ely has a glorious stone porch and a roof that passes description, though the nave is bare and empty. York is enormous. Acres and acres, it seems, of stained glass and two chapels, screened from the nave by screens of gilded bronze, dedicated in that house of the Prince of Peace to warriors; and so many familiar names. Sir John More of Corrunna, Napier of Magdala, Buller of South Africa, Craddock of Good Hope and Monmouth fame and many, many others, known from boyhood or learned in later years.

We did not see Canterbury, Winchester or Lincoln, three, I believe of the finest of the English cathedrals, but we did see Worcester.

Worcester has no screen to compare with Chester's, no east window to be mentioned along with Exeter's, no spire like Salisbury's and yet it has something of each, and all so perfectly blended that it makes a harmonious whole that is more attractive by far than many that are counted finer.

### An Amusing Epitaph

There, too, is King John's tomb and the tomb of Prince Arthur, eldest son of Henry VII, in a carved marble chantry so delicately traced that it really looks like lacework. The epitaphs, too, on the walls repay perusal. There is the epitaph of John Hough, Bishop of Worcester at the time of James II. It is a large tablet setting out his virtues and accomplishments. You gather that he saved the church of England from the Pope and then went on from promotion to promotion until he reached the summit of all human endeavour and became bishop of Worcester and then, the epitaph concludes, "in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection, he expired without a groan." There is another tablet to one Nicolaus which is in rhyme and runs as follows:

"Here born, here Bishop, buried here.  
"A Bullingham, by name and stock,  
"A man, twice married, in God's fear,  
(leaving it entirely to one's imagination to say whether it was the first or the second wife who put the fear of God into him).

"Chief pastor, late, of Lincoln flock,  
"Whom Oxford trained up in youth,  
"Whom Cambridge doctor did create,  
"A painful preacher of the truth.  
"He changed this life for happy state  
"April's 18th 1576."

"A painful preacher of the truth," Oh yes, I know that when the mason carved those words, "painful" meant careful, painstaking, but I was brought up in the Presbyterian church and I have heard some painful preachers of the truth. So many indeed, that when I came to Oxford and saw the spot where Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer were burned, I fell to wondering whether this were really a martyrdom, or only an act of just retribution on the part of their long-suffering congregations.

Don't think, however, that the ecclesiastical glory of England is confined to the grand cathedrals. Don't overlook the little parish churches. Let me try to make clear why I who seldom

enter a church, save under compulsion, went into every church in every village in which we stopped long enough.

One day in May we drove from Bolton, through Clitheroe to Gisborne. There, where the road forked, we stopped beside a church. A little ugly stone church. Every narrow window arch was Saxon. There was no architectural beauty in it. The door stood open and we wandered in. Inside the church was damp and mouldy, it smelt like a cellar that has had no light or air for years; the roof was supported by huge round stone pillars, so many and so large there was scarce room for seats; but on the walls and the flagstones about the altar were the epitaphs of the Lords Ribblesdale for generations. Generals, admirals, colonels, captains all serving their country all over the world, and so few dying at home. When we came out, I asked the sexton how old the church was and he said he could not tell me, because, said he "Our records go back only nine hundred years." And on every grave in that little crowded churchyard, the blue forget-me-nots raised their silent plea to heaven. Think of being remembered for over nine hundred years. In another church in Northamptonshire we saw the records of a family named Cartwright, in which son had followed father in the diplomatic service, and in nearly every one of those parish churches we saw the epitaphs of some family, theretofore unknown to us, whose sons had served, without fear or favor and with very little hope of reward. I think it was this, this tradition of unselfish service that impressed me most of all the things I saw.

There is another class of building worthy of mention. The inns. From the beginning of our trip we made it a point not to spend the night in a large town, but rather in the inns in the little villages and to those who intend visiting England this is a suggestion worth following.

### Aynho Inn

About half past five on the afternoon of May 31, we drove into the village of Aynho. On the outskirts was a long low white stone inn, the Cartwright Arms. There was no door opening on the road. An arch led into a courtyard. The cobblestones under that arch were worn into ruts inches deep by the wheels of centuries. A door to the left opened into the public rooms, one on the right into the guest rooms. I rang and asked the landlady if she could give us dinner and put us up for the night. She said, "I can put you up, but I don't know about dinner unless chops, new potatoes and green peas will do." We drove right in. She conducted us to a large square bedroom with a lovely casement window, oak beamed ceiling and oak floor. There was the complete equipment of a double bedroom in an English inn. Large comfortable bed, two ewers, two basins, two candles, two of everything that ought to be in a bedroom. Then she took us down to a sitting room, much like the bedroom, but with a stone floor with a warm rug on it, comfortable chairs and a bright fire burning in the grate.

We thought how wonderful it would be to have our dinner served there, but it seemed too much to expect. There



came a rap at the door and the maid entered and took the cloth off the table and proceeded to lay it for our dinner, and when we saw that table we gasped. We learned later that it was made in 1608.

After dinner I was going upstairs for a book, when the maid coming out with the tray told me the stair I was mounting did not go to our room, but to the club room. I asked what the club room was and she said it was where they served the "rent dinner." She explained that on quarter day when the farmers come in to pay their rent, Sir Fairfax Cartwright, lord of the manor, must give them dinner and it was served in that room. I went up to inspect. It was a large room with a huge fireplace, a big oak table, about twenty five old Windsor chairs about the walls, and a wing armchair for the lord of the manor. Used twice a year on quarter days. But that rent dinner must be served, because it is the custom.

The next day it rained, and being so comfortable, we stayed where we were and learned much of the village and the family. Every man in the village works on the estate. Every man rents his cottage and pays the exorbitant rent of one shilling and sixpence per week. Sir Fairfax is old and paralyzed, the only son is at Oxford and Sir Fairfax and Lady Cartwright live in the dower house. Guests at the inn have the privilege of walking through the grounds. In a lull between showers we took advantage of that privilege. The gardens were beyond description. There was a rose garden of at least an acre to say nothing of the others.

There was no one about whom we could bribe to show us through the house, but the blinds were up and we did the Peeping Tom. The house is a palace and on every table in every room were fresh cut flowers.

#### End of a Long Line

We remarked, on our return that the rectory was empty and the landlady told us that the rector died about six weeks before. He had three sons killed in the war, one of them was studying for the church and now, said she, "There is not a Cartwright left to carry on in the rectory." "So the rector was a Cartwright, too?" we asked. "Why yes!" said she, "there has been a Cartwright in the rectory ever since there was a Cartwright in the manor." Now Cartwright is a Saxon name and Aynho is a Saxon name, so it would seem that there were Cartwrights in the manor and the rectory when William the Conqueror came.

Sitting at the window of the inn at Tedburn-St. Mary we saw a man ride up. He had a fringe of white whiskers under his chin, Norfolk, jacket, whipcord breeches, pigskin leggings and was riding a handsome chestnut cob. He stopped and called out "Host!" The landlord came out. "Good evening farmer." "Good evening host. A pint of bitter." The landlord brought it out in its pewter pot with the foam running down the sides and in time a group gathered about the farmer on his horse, each man with his pewter and that farmer sat there and drank, slowly and dignifiedly, six pints of bitter ale, then with a cheery, "Good evening, host, Good evening friends," cantered away home. That, it seems to me, is the way to farm.

#### Men of Bideford

In that same inn I talked with a road superintendent who told me that during the war he had charge of a section of road leading into an artillery camp. He said the way the trucks and gun carriages cut up the road was a shame as it was a new road. It had been down only a little over a hundred years.

In Bath I saw the bath built by the Romans when Christianity was in swaddling clothes, and we drove into the town of Bideford in Devon.

Can any one say "Bideford" without saying "In Devon." No one at least who has read "The Ballad of the Revenge."

"For Sir Richard bore in hand all his sick men from the land, Very carefully and slow, men of Bideford in Devon

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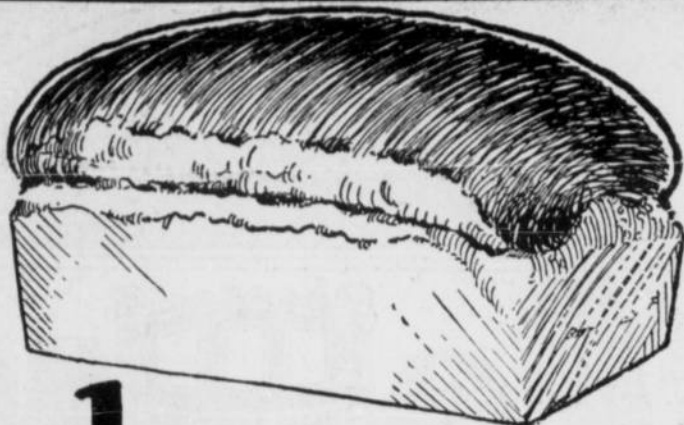
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Raleigh, Sir Richard Grenville, Frobisher, Hawkins. All those glorious old half pirates of Elizabeth's time lived in or around Bideford in Devon or used Bideford in Devon as their port of sailing.

We drove into the town of Bideford in Devon over an arm of the sea on a bridge of three stone arches, built in 1530 and carrying all the heavy traffic of this century without a murmur.

There is more than a bridge! There is a sermon in stone! There is England! Built not for this generation and the next, not for this century and the next, but for all time to come. Drive over that bridge, leave your car at its end, walk up to the park. There you will find a stone bandstand with twelve embrasures and out of each embrasure peeps the muzzle of a tiny ship's cannon, captured by Sir Francis Drake at the battle of the Armada. Sit down under those muzzles, look out over the estuary to the barren but beautiful moors beyond, look to your left at the rugged rocky coast, look down at the haven with its ships at anchor and at the stone built town, whose water front has not changed since Elizabeth's time and shut your eyes. If you have imagination you will hear the whisper and rustle of silk and velvet, you will hear the jingle of a spur and the clank of a scabbard on the stones and you will see Sir Francis, Sir Richard and Sir Walter swagger down the narrow streets, climb aboard their tiny vessels and sail away "to singe the King of Spain's beard."

### What Environment Contributes

When you wander as we wandered through England and entering her glorious buildings view with appreciation their beauties and with understanding their histories, you realize what they must mean to the young Englishman whose fathers built them, whose fathers lie buried in and about them. In those buildings, whether grand cathedral or simple parish church, the young son of the lord of the manor learns the lesson of matter of course, unselfish service to his country, the young son of the farmer learns the lesson of love and of justice to the soil, the young son of the artisan learns the lesson of honest enduring workmanship and everyone of them breathes in with the very air he breathes love of the land that bore him and loyalty to the best of its traditions.

Last summer, Judge Knowles, of Saskatchewan, addressing the Manitoba Bar Association and dealing with the war debt, used these words. "For seventy years, after our children and grandchildren are grown up, England will be paying tribute to the United States."

### Time in Perspective

Seventy years seems a long time to the young. Not so long to those who have topped the hill and are stepping down into the valley of shadows. But what is seventy years to a nation where a road is called new because it has been down only a little over a hundred years? What is seventy years beside a bridge that has been bearing its burden for nearly four hundred years without complaint? What is seventy years beside a church where faith and service have been taught for over nine hundred years? Only a fraction of an hour.

And long before that seventy years is up the United States will be paying tribute to England in dollars and cents. What with rubber, artificial silk and the cornering of the cotton market by the Lancashire cotton spinners the United States is helping to pay the debt. Long after that seventy years is up the nations of the world will be paying to England a tribute of reverence and respect and we, who had the good fortune to be born under her flag, who visit her and take the trouble to understand her will pay her a tribute of everlasting love and affection.

"What a miracle is our old England!" Her population decimated, her markets lost through the war, her industries crippled and her commerce disrupted through the coal strike, isolated from the rest of the world, taxed as no nation on earth is taxed, her people to our eyes slow, stolid, custom ridden, but the pound is at par.

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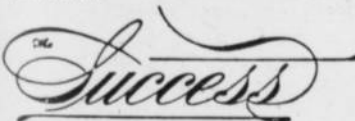
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## Inside Santa Claus' Toy Shop

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change the styles in clothes, but the youngsters stay with the old games year in and year out.

"When I say toys do not change much from generation to generation I ought to make an exception in the case of educational toys," Santa continued. "A few years back teachers discovered that if you made the schoolroom a playground the kiddies enjoyed it better and learned faster. Then Mrs. Santa Claus and I talked it over. She believed that if we turned that idea round and made the playground a schoolroom they would take more interest in it and become smarter boys and girls. There's the old-fashioned blocks to start the babies off with, she declared. Then she thought of the Tinker Toys for kiddies a little older, and later, Meccano and Erector toys. Now my workmen are making little electric motors which are given to the boys all knocked down, they put them together and when the juice is attached—Zmmm! away they go."

At the end of the long building through which we were walking, there were bins filled with rubber balls. "The biggest and best of these come from Czechoslovakia," Santa Claus said. "The English make a gas-filled ball, and their colors are pretty good, but they don't last like ones we get from Prague. But in the next house," said the old saint, "I'll show you a toy for which England leads the world."

As he said this, he opened a door that led into the world's greatest dog kennel, where never a bark is heard. Poodles, and hounds, and spaniels; bulldogs with furry coats, and pink-eyed Newfoundlands, and terriers that wouldn't so much as wink at a pussy cat; indeed, dogs that never were on land or sea. Next to them were the Teddy bears, just as much in demand today as when Roosevelt was alive.

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Living at peace with them were fluffy lions and lambs, elephants soft enough for any baby to take to bed, and saucy chimpanzees with orange-colored fur. "It's this way," Santa explained, "No other workmen in the world have ever learned to make the soft, thick plush that is a secret of the northern counties of England. The Germans would like to beat the English at making toy animals. They might make a better porcupine but they'd have to stop at that."

"That reminds me," Santa continued, "a few years ago we used to get Noah's arks made by disabled British soldiers. They were the finest thing of the kind we ever had, beautifully carved and painted. We don't get them now. People said they cost too much." And then Santa mumbled a lot that I didn't understand, about no sentiment in buying toys.

After awhile our wanderings brought us back to the shop where the little elf was making lead soldiers. Of course, I had seen dozens and dozens of toys whose names I haven't told you of. But before saying goodbye to Santa Claus I asked him which toys he thought were the finest of all.

"Ah!" he said, "I really can't tell you about them because they are never made by my workmen. Perhaps you don't know it, Willie, but there are many homes where the things are so shabby, and the clothes of the children so patched, that if I were to put brightly painted things down beside their old ones it would make the mothers and fathers feel very sad. So when I enter these homes I kiss the children ever so lightly on the eyelids, taking care not to let my long beard tickle them on the breast and wake them."

"And when morning comes they open their eyes with quiet wonder, and at the first opportunity they commence to make each one a toy for himself or herself, perhaps a hobby horse which will bear its brave rider farther into the dangerous depths of the Forest of Make-believe than any you have seen today; perhaps a clothes pin doll that will return more love to its play mother than the finest spoiled beauty on my shelves. If I could gather up and save all the discarded and broken toys that bring to mind the sweetest joys and greatest sorrows, these are the ones I should have."

Then Santa leaned down and kissed me and bade me to hurry home and not be late for supper. And when I turned round to ask him to put a hobby horse in my stocking with the other things, he was gone.



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# The War Trail of Big Bear

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to be a chief! We like you; your heart is good. As for that man"—he pointed at Quinn—"his heart is made of stone! He may go back to Frog Lake. When the governor made the treaty with us we were told we should have beef to eat at every payment." He placed his hands, fingers extended, on either side of his head and turned fiercely on the agent. "You want my head—take it!" he cried, flinging his open hands in the agent's face as though delivering it to him.

"When I am hungry this winter and ask for food," said Miserable Man to Quinn, "if you don't give it to me I will kill you."

Quinn smiled good-humoredly. He had heard Indians talk before. He did not mind such trifles as their threats.

Big Bear apologized later to everyone for his harsh words, but for two days the band danced the war dance and refused to be paid. The police detachment was kept constantly under arms in anticipation of trouble and Quinn sent his half-breed interpreter to notify the chiefs that unless they came to terms he would return the following afternoon to Frog Lake.

Meanwhile the Hudson's Bay Company officer, having made large advances to the band, grew anxious about his debts. He ordered a steer to be slaughtered and sent as a gift to the Indian camp.

This mollified the Indians; still, they objected, the beef had not come from the government. They would compromise matters, they said, by accepting the money at their camp instead of at the fort. Quinn decided to humour them and sent word that he would pay them there next morning.

During these days of "strained diplomacy" Dill and I had nothing to do but mind our tent-store, fry our bacon, watch the Indian youngsters' deft archery and try otherwise to kill the time while awaiting developments. The Indians did not molest us. They came, talked, examined blankets, knives, print, shawls, handkerchiefs, rings—all our stock, but without money they could not buy. We were glad to hear a truce declared.

At eight-thirty next morning two troopers came with the pay-tent and pitched it about a hundred yards from our quarters. They were followed in twenty minutes by Quinn, who notified Big Bear by messenger that he was

ready to begin the payment. The band was in council. After waiting for some time, Quinn walked over to our tent.

"In twenty minutes it will be ten o'clock," he said, looking at his watch. "If they don't show up before then they get no money."

He returned to the pay-tent. A little later he passed our place carrying under his arm a box sealed with red wax. It contained the annuity money—seven thousand dollars.

He had scarcely disappeared in the direction of the fort when Big Bear, Wandering Spirit, Little Poplar and other chiefs came rapidly toward our tent. They were talking excitedly and stopped a moment to ask what had become of the agent. We told them he had got tired waiting and had probably gone to dinner. Gesticulating angrily and with exaggerated expressions of amazement, they went on. They overtook him before he reached the fort and persuaded him to return and make the payment.

For the next two days I was busy at the store. The Indians danced and feasted and I went once or twice at night with Stanley Simpson to the dancing lodge and heard Little Poplar count his coups and tell how, using me occasionally, and not altogether to my liking, as he swung his heavy Colt's pistol in my direction, as representing the enemy, he had taken Blackfoot scalps. Then Dill went to Battleford, ninety miles away, to deposit our funds and bring back a fresh stock of goods while I returned to Frog Lake and put up a log building for our winter trading quarters. Soon after Dill's return by mutual agreement we dissolved partnership. He continued what had been our business and I accepted a position with the Hudson's Bay Company at Frog Lake.

## CHAPTER III

### When Poundmaker Defied the N.W.M.P.

Let me go back a step to the reservation, on the Battle River south-east of Pitt, of Chief Poundmaker, where Big Bear was then in camp, and relate a happening there three months earlier that throws a yet more significant light on the attitude of these Indians toward the events just recorded. I did not witness this, being a few miles away and I am indebted to Major Fred A. Bagley, a veteran of the N.W.M.P., and to Mr. William McKay, of the Hudson's



Map of the Frog Lake-Battleford territory.



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Bay Company, both of whom were active participants on the ground, for the details of what at more than one critical juncture threatened to end in a bloody debacle.

Kahweechetwaymot, a member of Big Bear's band, went to John Craig, farm instructor on the reserves of Chiefs Poundmaker and Little Pine, and asked for provisions for a sick child. The government furnished supplies to be issued when the need was evident to sick and destitute Indians, but Kahweechetwaymot did not get any. This was hardly surprising to anyone knowing Craig and the Indian. The one was a phlegmatic easterner; the other a pestiferous and not particularly intelligent savage. Anyway, Craig was doubtless following instructions—the Indian did not belong on Poundmaker's reserve—though some of the more politic of the government's agents were wise enough on occasion to forget that.

Kahweechetwaymot went off, but he was back in no time. With two aides. One was his brother. The other was a well-seasoned hickory axe-helve.

With these reinforcements, Kahweechetwaymot had no difficulty in obtaining all the provisions he required, which was considerably more than he would have been satisfied with in the first place. Craig arrived at the police barracks in Battleford some hours later, sore from the top down, inside and out, and gave Kahweechetwaymot a very bad name. Superintendent Crozier of the N.W.M.P., commanding at Battleford, sent Corporal Sleight to bring in Kahweechetwaymot. He wanted to explain to him that the Queen felt much annoyed because of his course in instituting a self-administered code of rewards and punishments.

The Indians were holding their annual Thirst Dance on Little Pine's reserve—making braves. They were there in hundreds, many from distant points. It was a big fete. Kahweechetwaymot was taking a prominent part. His prestige was high. On the strength of his recent disciplining of a white farming instructor, he was by way of being regarded admiringly by the young men at the dance as an example of the real thing in braves.

Kahweechetwaymot scoffed at Sleight. In fact, backed by public opinion in the form of the assembled tribesmen, he affected an indignant astonishment. How, he asked, was it that a policeman had the nerve to come there thinking to put him under arrest? "Go back," said he to Sleight, "and tell the Big Police Chief what I said."

Sleight sent a man to town to report and Crozier realized that the situation was one demanding the personal attention of the Big Police Chief. It was beneath the dignity of Poundmaker and his fellow chiefs, he concluded, at such a time to discuss matters of any moment with his subordinates.

So at an early hour next day, Crozier appeared with twenty-five men—of whom Bagley, then a sergeant, was one—at Poundmaker's. They brought with them an Indian, met on the trail, who appeared entirely too ingenuous to be at large. Once they were safely in camp on the reserve, he was liberated. As a matter of fact, he was a spy, sent out by Poundmaker to learn what the police were doing, as Crozier had guessed.

The tents up, Crozier took the police half-breed interpreter, Louis Laronde, and one or two troopers and went to the Thirst Dance camp, three miles away, demanding to know why Poundmaker and the other chiefs had refused to deliver up to his men Kahweechetwaymot, who had offended the Queen by striking one of her servants with an axe-helve.

Poundmaker temporized. He was a most deliberate and dignified personage. He told the big police chief not to be hasty. The sun would not go out; it was still high. It was best that matters of this sort be dealt with in calm discussion.

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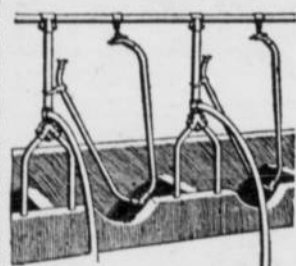
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young men capered round on horse-back, singing and shouting war-cries, Poundmaker and his brother chiefs gravely discussed the offence and the offender, while the police chief fumed and fought to control his temper.

The outcome of the deliberations was a compromise, the chiefs agreeing that at about noon next day they would produce Kahweechetwaymot for trial if court were held, not at Battleford, but at a plateau some four hundred yards from the position in which the police had made their camp. The selection of this site was a manoeuvre engineered by the police officer to bring the negotiations under the guns of the improvised fort he intended throwing up.

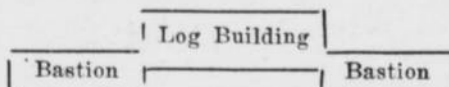
Following the parley, Crozier dispatched a courier to Battleford, thirty miles away, with instructions to Inspector Antrobus to come with speed and all available men remaining in barracks to Poundmaker's. A little later Crozier and his force departed for the government warehouses on Little Pine's reserve, adjoining Poundmaker's, six or seven miles to the west.

These warehouses contained all the stores, bacon and flour chiefly, on the two reserves. Crozier was decidedly against these stores falling by any chance into the hands of the Indians in their present mood. With four loaded ox-teams he started back to his camp at Poundmaker's.

The Thirst Dance camp straddled the trail, part of the two or three hundred lodges being pitched on either side of it. To avoid the Indians, Crozier detoured to the north of the trail with the wagons.

The Indians were watching him. When opposite the camp a hundred young bucks, mounted and singing, burst suddenly upon him, circling the wagons and firing their guns over the heads of the little force. The idea of the police marching off with the provisions did not please them. Doubtless they had had these in mind themselves. The position was an uncomfortable one, but the police ignored the warlike demonstration staged for their benefit and marched on. At dusk they reached the camp at Poundmaker's with their loads.

Here were some old log buildings. The men were tired, the night was suffocating, the mosquitos were a plague and the missionary had fallen down on its job—without the wagons they would have had little to eat—but there was to be no rest for the little company. Crozier ordered all buildings but one to be torn down. Of the logs so obtained he directed the construction of two rough bastions, abutting on the remaining building. The night dragged but toward morning the job was finished, the sacks of bacon and flour had been piled in tiers behind the log walls to serve as breastworks and the weary men stretched themselves on the ground for a few minutes' sleep. The completed fort was in this form:



A deep slough behind the fort afforded protection from that quarter.

Inspector Antrobus and Sergeant-major Kirk with the reinforcements, totalling some sixty men and including a number of Battleford civilians, reached Poundmaker's about eleven o'clock next morning and shortly after noon Poundmaker and his fellow chiefs arrived in accordance with their agreement at the plateau. Crozier assigned ten men to each of the bastions and leaving the others to await orders, covered by the twenty rifles and taking with him Interpreter Laronde, Constable Campbell Young and another man, went out to meet the chiefs and try Kahweechetwaymot.

Just a month previous the Crees had held a begging dance in the town of Battleford. Those old aboriginal dances were novel and spectacular; they interested us and we all—the whole town, or most of it—looked on. Poundmaker, wearing a breechcloth and a vest studded with brass nails, his long legs streaked with white mud, on his head a small cap formed from the dried skin of a bird, was there. Big Bear was there, mounted on a white horse, a rusty black coat on his back and a battered black soft felt hat on his

head. The old chief rode up and down before the stores, proclaiming loudly to the world at large that it was "mee wasin" ("good") here, at Battle River; that it was not "hard" here when the traders brought out sacks of flour, sides of bacon, packages of tea and sugar and thick plugs of tobacco and piled the gifts on the ground beside the dancing warriors.

Inspector Antrobus came past, riding a tall police horse. Imasees and Oke mow Peeayssis, sons of Big Bear, bursting suddenly out of the crowd of dancers, galloped furiously across the prairie directly at the inspector. They carried in their hands folded umbrellas. As they reached Antrobus they jerked their ponies to a stand and the umbrellas flashed open. The police horse snorted, swerved violently, the officer's pith helmet rose in the air and sailed away over the grass and his startled mount bolted wildly with him for the barracks.

The Indians, looking on, grinned delightedly. Evidently they regarded the incident as a rattling fine joke. The inspector on the contrary could see nothing at all humorous in it.

An hour later the dance was over and the Indians had gone to their camp on the hill south of the Battle River, when Inspector Antrobus, accompanied by William McKay, manager for the Hudson's Bay Company at Battleford, appeared among the lodges asking for the head chief. Poundmaker indicated Big Bear. The inspector was intensely angry; he trembled with rage.

"I have not much to say," he announced wrathfully, "and my message is for the head chief alone. Let no one else speak." He turned to Big Bear. "What are you doing here? You have no business in town. Unless you are packed and on the trail back to the reserves in half an hour, I will put you chiefs under arrest and lock you up."

Amazement for the moment held the Indians. Then Poundmaker, his dark face flushing, jumped to his feet.

"There will be a bullet here," he declared loudly, a hand on his throat, "before you arrest one of us! When we are ready we will leave; not sooner."

An old man got up. "He says no one must speak but Big Bear!" he cried. "Well, I am speaking. Let him stop me! Look at him," pointing at the officer's legs. Their unsoldierly shaking must have been mortifying in the extreme to Antrobus, who was any thing but a timid man, but he could not stop it. Rage exacts its penalties. "And he tells us this!" The old man snorted contemptuously. "Wus!"

The Indians looked and once more they laughed at the inspector. Antrobus was beside himself. He could not trust his tongue to further words. He climbed into his buckboard and clattered off.

Two hours passed. The Cree camp was still on the hill south of the Battle but no arrest had been made.

When Crozier went out to meet the chiefs, there was still some difficulty he found about Kahweechetwaymot's trial. The Indian, backed by the young men, declined to give himself up. They were all wild, said Poundmaker, and it was hard to do anything with them. At another time it might be done, but Poundmaker pointed out, their pride revolted against a surrender in the face of such a great gathering of their people, many from distant reserves. So the unending talk went on. The police seemed to be getting nowhere. The prestige of the scarlet-coated upholders of the law was at stake. If they gave way it would be many a day before it could be completely regained. The last would never be heard of it. So long as an Indian present remained alive, he would boast amid the acclaim of his listeners about the camp fire at night of the time they bluffed the police.

Crozier's patience was exhausted. He quitted the council abruptly and returned to the fort.

William McKay had arrived from Battleford about noon. The McKay had been Hudson's Bay Company of fiers for generations. They had been given by the Indians the family name of Little Bearskin. They were known to every Indian along the Saskatchewan. A Little Bearskin to these Indians was a man to be trusted. The McKays possessed their confidence.

Poundmaker rose. "I am going to the



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fort," he said. "If I can prevent it there will be no bloodshed. Since this man will not give himself up, I will offer to take his place."

Big Bear ran after Poundmaker. "N'chawamis," he cried, "you will not be left to face the danger alone. If you go, Big Bear goes also."

Together the chiefs entered the fort, but came out a moment later. Crozier would not accept a substitute, they told McKay; he would take only Kahwechewaymot. The three seated themselves on the grass before the fort to smoke and endeavour to find a way of surmounting the difficulty. Crozier sent a messenger to McKay, asking him to detain the chiefs.

"Tell Major Crozier I'm no policeman. If he wants the chiefs let him hold them himself," was the Hudson's Bay man's answer. He was not pleased. Big Bear was taking little part in the discussion. He watched the fort. Suddenly he exclaimed: "Something is going to happen. Look!"

The police had emerged. They were buckling on their sidearms and saddling their horses. Poundmaker rose hurriedly.

"If there is to be trouble, my place is with my men," he declared, and followed by Big Bear he ran back up the slope.

The police advanced slowly, the sun flashing on their polished carbines, their scarlet coats aglow. They lined up before the Indians, a sordidly and formidable-looking company. That they could be relied on to give a good account of themselves was not to be doubted.

Sergeant Bagley had been assigned to one of the bastions. He glanced over at the corral, and saw "Andsome 'Arry," the solitary remaining horse, Bagley's trooper.

"You're in command here," he told the corporal beside him; "I'm resigning," and disregarding orders he slipped over to the corral, mounted and joined the line out in front.

Crozier confronted the tall chief, to whom the Indians were looking as their spokesman. This was his land; Big Bear was taking no prominent part. At the officer's request, McKay acted as interpreter.

"Poundmaker," he announced, "I came out for this man and I am going to take him."

The Indian thrust out his long face. His back eyes kindled, passion shook him and Bagley, watching, saw him strike, seemingly unconscious of what he did, with the sharp points of the knife-blades in his pukamakin, at his right leg. Blood welled out and flowed down the legging. His cloak of friendliness, for apparently it was a cloak, fell away and he stood revealed, a hostile among the hostiles.

"He won't be given up!" he declared vehemently, stamping his foot. "You say you are going to take him?" He lifted a tapering forefinger and tapped his chest. "Take me first—if you dare!"

Antrobus stood near. He glanced at the chief and passed a slighting remark. It was not understood by Poundmaker but he guessed its import. He was infuriated. He had not forgotten the inspector or his threat at the begging dance the month before. He lost for the moment his accustomed restraint. Raising his pukamakin, he rushed upon Antrobus. The three knife-blades in the end glittered above the officer's helmet.

"Redcoat dog!" he hissed.

But Constable Prior poked his carbine in the tall chief's face and the deadly pukamakin dropped slowly to his side.

Suspense gripped the Indians. A deep hush had fallen. Now the reaction came. The excitement rose to an uproar.

"Plenty blood will be spilled on the banks of the Cut Knife to-day!" shouted Imasees.

Some minor chiefs, peaceably disposed, appalled by the impending explosion, rode among the mob, waving green branches, imploring the aggressors to be reasonable, to consider before it was too late. Their example had some effect; the storm sank to a murmurous undercurrent. But in a moment it rose again, more violently than ever. The hostiles surged round, jeering, whooping, raising their guns threateningly, goading the police with taunts and epithets. Wandering Spirit, who in the war

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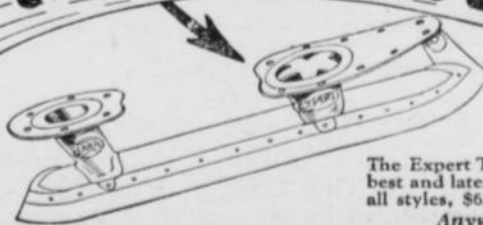
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dance counted thirteen Blackfoot scalps, rushed out and seized McKay by the wrist, endeavoring to drag him over to the Indians' side.

"Come!" he urged frenziedly. "You are crazy. You will be killed!" McKay pulled away.

Little Pine, amiable and friendly always, sitting his horse, addressed the mob. They were wrong, he told his people, to defy the police. He was a notable chief, a warrior as well as an orator of parts, and he spoke forcibly and at some length. But they heard him with impatience. They had reached the stage where pacific words were almost an offence. Little Pine died shortly after the trouble. Rumour had it that poison was responsible; that he paid with his life for the stand he took that day in opposing the more turbulent among the bands.

Sergeant-major Kirk sat like a statue on his horse in front of the line, gazing stonily ahead. At his horse's muzzle stood Wandering Spirit, muscles tense, dark eyes agleam, thin lips working, his lean claw-like hands gripping a Winchester. When the din was at its peak, Bagley saw the Indian strain and lift as though struggling under some ponderous weight and the rifle came up. Bagley held his breath.

"Now it's coming! Now old John's going to get it!"

The words said themselves over and over in the sergeant's mind.

The blood-lust burned in the war chief's eyes, dull red pools glowing murkily in their sultry sockets. The seconds passed. What was restraining him?

The sullen tide beating against the tough barrier that had so far contained it—the counsel of leaders able and tried, accustomed to being deferred to—might at any moment burst through. The pressure of a finger, red or white, against a trigger and a flood would descend that would drench that sunlit slope in waves of crimson death.

It was as if the war chief were stretched on a rack of conflicting emotions—the hunger to kill that was his consuming passion and a foreboding that made him pause. Should he be the one? Dare he take upon himself that sinister responsibility? Did he see confronting him the vision of a day of reckoning sometime to come, a day when the white man would exact the ultimate price?

The old police warrior never flickered an eyelash. And when the lull came the rifle was lowered again. Bagley breathed once more. Then came the renewed uproar and again the menacing rifle lifted.

Miserable Man rode round behind Kirk. "I will fight with the police!" he declared loudly. But he had no intention of fighting on the side of the police. Miserable Man was a dissembler. His purpose was to make sure that, between himself and Wandering Spirit, the sergeant-major should not escape. To take the scalp of an officer would be greater glory than to tuck under his belt that of an ordinary policeman.

An Indian rode over to the depression on the left of the police line. "Keep quiet, there!" Bagley heard him say. And it came to the sergeant then that all along he had been conscious of a droning murmur of women's and youthful voices and he sensed the grim menace that lurked in the wooded hollow.

The clamour fell and rose once more, and once more the threatening rifle of the war chief came up. But again it came down unfired. Why, as will be evident before this narrative is ended, is an eternal riddle.

Crozier turned to Laronde. "Which is him—the man we want?" he asked.

A tall Indian, a sneer on his evil face, Cree words of contempt on his lips, danced and cavorted in the van of the mob. The interpreter pointed. "That's him." And as the Indian, noticing, dived suddenly among the others: "There he goes!" he added.

McKay called to him and the Indian came out. Said the Hudson's Bay Company officer:

"Tell the police okemow you will surrender. You will get a fair trial. You may be punished but they can't hang you. If trouble starts the police will not be the only ones to suffer. Many of you will die also. Do you

want to see that? Be a man! Give yourself up!"

"I won't!" returned Kahweechetwaymot surlily.

Twin Wolverine, Big Bear's eldest son, pushed his horse into the police line beside Constable Campbell Young. "I am going to fight against you!" he shouted to his fellow-tribesmen. Unlike Miserable Man, the Twin Wolverine meant what he said.

McKay turned to Crozier. "Arrest your man," he advised.

"Think we'd better do it now?" queried the officer.

"Yes. The longer it is put off, the greater the danger. There has been too much talk already."

"The two men afoot on the right, fall out and seize that fellow!" came the command.

Kahweechetwaymot wheeled to run. "Nab him!" McKay prompted Laronde.

The interpreter rushed and seized Kahweechetwaymot. The two policemen followed. Before the Indian realized how it had all happened, Constable Warren Kerr—"Sligo" to the force—had Kahweechetwaymot by the long plaits of his black hair and had landed him with a swing that had nothing gentle about it among the policemen on foot. They closed about the prisoner and his captors. The horsemen quickly encircled them and the whole body began to move off, the men in the rear facing backward with their carbines ready for instant action.

McKay paced evenly up and down between the two rows of levelled rifles.

Bedlam broke loose. The Indians went wild. "Shoot them, shoot the red coat dogs!" they howled. "Why do we wait? Now—now was the time we agreed on to wipe out the dog chemo-ginusuk!"

But the cooler men among the redskins frantically fought the outcries of the hotheads. "No—no! Be careful! Wait! Let the red coats shoot first!" And, referring to McKay, walking coolly up and down between the opposed forces: "Shame! Would you kill a Little Bearskin?"

They brushed past the Hudson's Bay official and charged the retreating ranks, jostling the men, snatching at their clothing, stabbing their horses with the points of their knives, hoping to stampede them. One man, cut off from the others, was stripped, his tunic and sidearms forcibly appropriated. Poundmaker himself wrested away his carbine.

But the horses, like their riders, held firm. And no Indian fired. Neither did a policeman. Because the police, disciplined and obedient to orders, could not and would not under no matter how aggravated provocation, be first to breach the peace. But if, even by accident under the tension, a single shot had sounded—! What would have followed, no man present during those pregnant moments cared to contemplate.

Maddened over the successful coup of the police, a dozen of the most truculent braves seized Laronde and, powerful though he was, rushed him off through the poplar buffs. That he, a half-breed with their own blood in his veins, should have aided the enemy—that, above all, he should have pointed out to the police okemow; and later stopped Kahweechetwaymot—incensed them beyond anything else. Laronde's chances of living seemed exceedingly remote.

The police flung their horses against the ring of passion-distorted faces and at length pushed through and reached the fort. The Indians crowded them, with jeers and epithets, to the walls. Kahweechetwaymot was shoved through an opening into the waiting hands of the men inside and the police followed. The Indians stormed about outside.

McKay drew Major Crozier aside and spoke to him in an undertone.

"Throw out the bacon and the flour!"

The men doubted whether they had heard aright. Pull down their defences, their breast-works? He could not mean it.

"Throw out the bacon and flour!" There could be no doubt about the command this time. "Look alive, men!" the commandant added.

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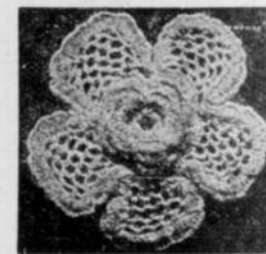
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abundance they forgot their quarrel with the redcoats. They pounced upon the sacks, each struggling to secure a share before he was too late. The women and boys came from their place of concealment and joined their men in the raid. They lugged the stuff off through the bluffs to their lodges. The suggestion had been McKay's and his strategy was a winner. He knew Indian character.

And while the Indians, unheeding, fought over the spoil, the police bundled the most subdued and crestfallen brave into a wagon and in half an hour were on their road with him to Battleford. After all an Indian, take him by and large, is nothing but a grown-up child.

Laronde turned up as they were leaving. Again McKay had intervened. "Let him go!" he had insisted. "Don't blame him; he's paid to do this work. That's how he makes his living. If you want a prisoner, why don't you take the police okemow?"

McKay knew that he was safe in making what at this stage was a perfectly impractical suggestion.

Before the police left, McKay hunted up Poundmaker.

"You must surrender the rifle you took from the policeman," he told him.

Poundmaker's quick temper flared again. "I will not!" he exploded. "He was going to use it against us!"

"Now, see here," McKay talked patiently to the handsome red man as he might have done had he been explaining some puzzling matter to an angry boy. "You must not look at this thing in that way. The gun did not belong to the policeman. It does not belong to the police at all. It belongs to the Queen."

Poundmaker pondered this. Three years before he had guided the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, three hundred miles across the plains from Battleford to the Blackfoot Crossing. Poundmaker was an unusual Indian. He was the typical chief as he has been accustomed to picture him from the literature of his youth—tall, dignified, deliberate in speech and manner, his striking face framed in a setting of raven-black hair hanging in two immense plaits far below his waist, with a certain native air of courtliness and distinction that impressed all who met him. No wonder that Lord Lorne had made much of the stately red man. Perhaps that was why Poundmaker held the governor-general in some respect. He did not wish to displease the noble lord's mother-in-law, the Queen. So in the end the gun was surrendered.

Half a dozen of us, civilians, were on our way from Battleford to Poundmaker's reserve. The parley out there had lasted for three days. We had heard in Battleford that the situation was critical. The addition of a few rifles might be acceptable to the police, we thought.

The afternoon was intensely hot. We had dismounted half-way out to breathe and were laboring horses and enjoy the rippling shade and clear cold water of Medicine Drum Creek. A horseman came in sight, coming from the direction of Poundmaker's. He came up.

"The fun's all over, fellows," he told us. "They're on their way in with their man. You might as well go home."

The leaven of mischief was already at work; they were prepared to start, with the inherent cruelty of the savage, on a course of rapine and bloodshed at the first favorable opportunity. How that opportunity was to arise the handful of white men who had made their way into that primitive corner of the far North-West beyond the Saskatchewan could then have small conception.

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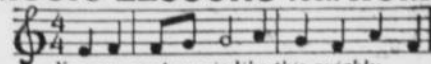
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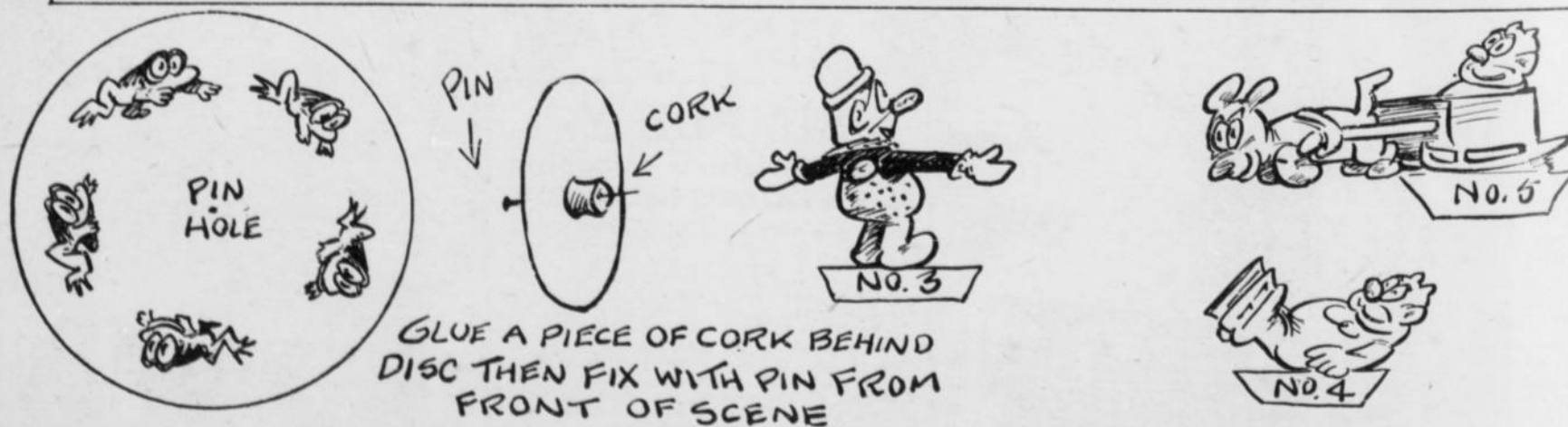
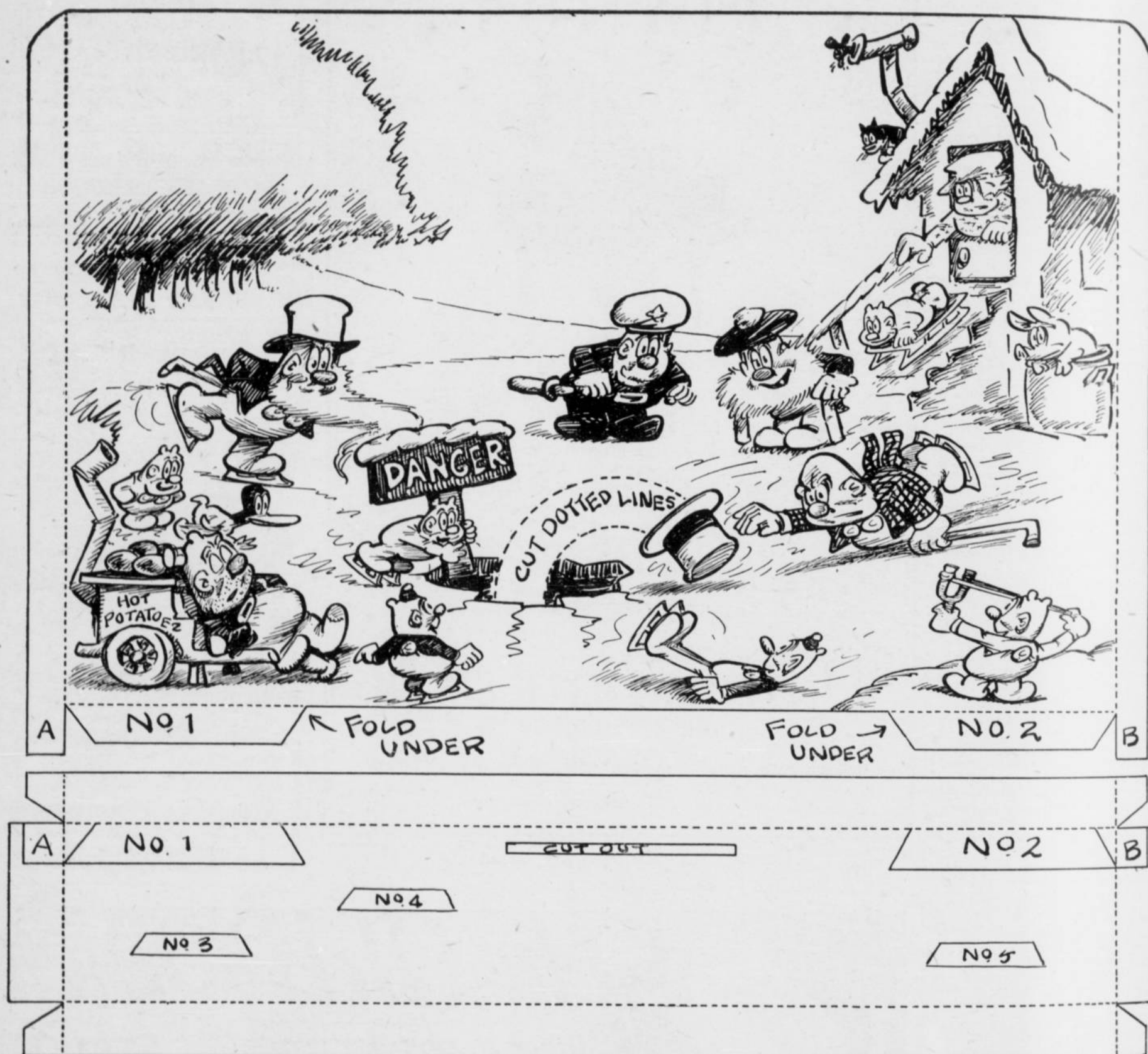
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**Comfort While Travelling**

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"Coffee room" and "grill room" are rather loose terms applied to places giving a little wider range of choice in foods, and a more elaborate service. Sometimes a coffee shop uses the cafeteria system during a part of the day, and a more formal service at night—and sometimes the coffee shop's coffee is no better than anybody else's, but the meals are much less expensive than in a grill or dining-room of a hotel.

**Speaking of Luggage**

The luggage one takes may do much to make or mar one's pleasure. It should be limited—if possible, no more than one can carry at a pinch. The new hat bags are really very useful for women. They come in patent leather or the regulation leathers, and after a hat or two is pinned in place over the form designed to fit the crown, much may be packed in around the outside. A very handy travelling bag is now on the market, which boasts a folding tray, fitted with all the necessary toilet articles, which can be folded up like a little bag, and carried to the dressing-room. Then there is the fitted bag, not quite so handy, but wonderfully charming, in which pockets in the suitcase take the place of the folding tray. Suit cases and club bags may be had in various sizes, but it's a wise traveller who limits the amount of clothing taken with him or her to two small pieces—say, a club bag and a suitcase. This amount of luggage can be made sufficient for a surprisingly long trip, if only one foresees one's needs and plans to meet them. For the longer visit or trip, there are lovely new things in wardrobe and steamer trunks—cunningly designed pieces of luggage that combine shoe compartments, hat boxes, drawers for sundries, etc., with compartments where a dress may hang from its hanger without the least danger of arriving wrinkled or bedraggled.

As to the actual clothes necessary. The wisest plan is to limit oneself to nearly the smallest number possible. For women, dark dresses with several sets of collars and cuffs will enable them to always appear fresh and dainty. One does not need more than, say, three changes of underwear, as it is possible to have laundry done en route if one is staying at a hotel. Usually hotels have 24-hour laundry service and it is much better to have a few things which may be washed often than it is to burden oneself with a number of garments. Dresses used for travelling ought to be of some dark non-crushable material. It is wise to remember that new things can be bought along the way, if necessary, so it is perhaps not wise to lay in a complete wardrobe before leaving home, as one may find that prices are cheaper and styles different in the place where one is going to visit.

As has been said before in these travel articles, everything possible is done for the comfort of the traveller by railways and hotels. The experienced traveller knows that he does not have to worry much over his luggage, even if it should be something as large as a trunk. When he arrives at his hotel he hunts out the hotel porter, gives him his baggage check and a tip. Soon he will find his trunk safely deposited in his room. He goes through the same procedure when leaving, of course allowing plenty of time for the hotel management to transfer his things to the station in time for the train on which he is leaving. In some of the smaller cities there are porters with badges on their caps giving hotel names, at the depot and one simply turns over baggage checks to them, leaves smaller things such as club bag or suit case in their charge and goes off happy in the knowledge that the luggage will be safely taken to one's hotel. Thus one may escape the dread of having to lug heavy articles around with them. In many of the large cities one takes one's trunk in a taxi when going to some place to stay other than a hotel and in this way avoids extra expense.

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emotion, recognized the boy as her assailant and the cup as her property. Teacher was dreadfully embarrassed; the boy not at all so. His policy was simple and entire denial, and in this he persevered, even after Eva's saucer had unmistakably proclaimed its relationship to the cup.

Meanwhile the rush of presentation went steadily on. Other cups and saucers came in wild profusion. The desk was covered with them, and their wrappings of purple tissue paper required a monitor's whole attention. The soap, too, became urgently perceptible. It was of all sizes, shapes and colors, but of uniform and dreadful power of perfume. Teacher's eyes filled with tears—of gratitude—as each new piece or box was pressed against her nose, and teacher's mind was full of wonder as to what she could ever do with all of it. Bottles of perfume vied with one another and with the all-pervading soap until the air was heavy and breathing grew laborious. But pride swelled the hearts of the assembled multitude. No other teacher had so many helps to the toilet. None other was so beloved.

Teacher's aspect was quite changed, and the "blue long down like a lady dress" was almost hidden by the offerings she had received. Jacob's comb had two massive and bejewelled rivals in the "softy hair." The front of the dress, where aching or despondent heads were wont to rest, glittered with campaign buttons of American celebrities, beginning with James G. Blaine and extending into modern history as far as Patrick Divver, Admiral Dewey, and Captain Dreyfus. Outside the blue belt was a white one, nearly clean, and bearing in "sure 'nough golden words" the curt, but stirring, invitation, "Remember the Maine." Around the neck were three chaplets of beads, wrought by chubby fingers and embodying much love, while the waist-line was further adorned by tiny and beribboned aprons. Truly, it was a day of triumph.

When the waste-paper basket had been twice filled with wrappings and twice emptied; when order was emerging out of chaos; when the Christmas tree had been disclosed and its treasures distributed, a timid hand was laid on teacher's knee and a plaintive voice whispered, "Say, teacher, I got something for you," and teacher turned quickly to see Morris, her dearest boy charge, with his poor little body showing quite plainly between his shirt-waist buttons and through the gashes he called pockets. This was his ordinary costume, and the funds of the house of Mogilewsky were evidently unequal to an outer layer of finery.

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"And what is it, deary?" asked the already rich and gifted young person. "What is my new present?"

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## \* The Christmas Coyote

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wolf approached it again to chew, he fired.

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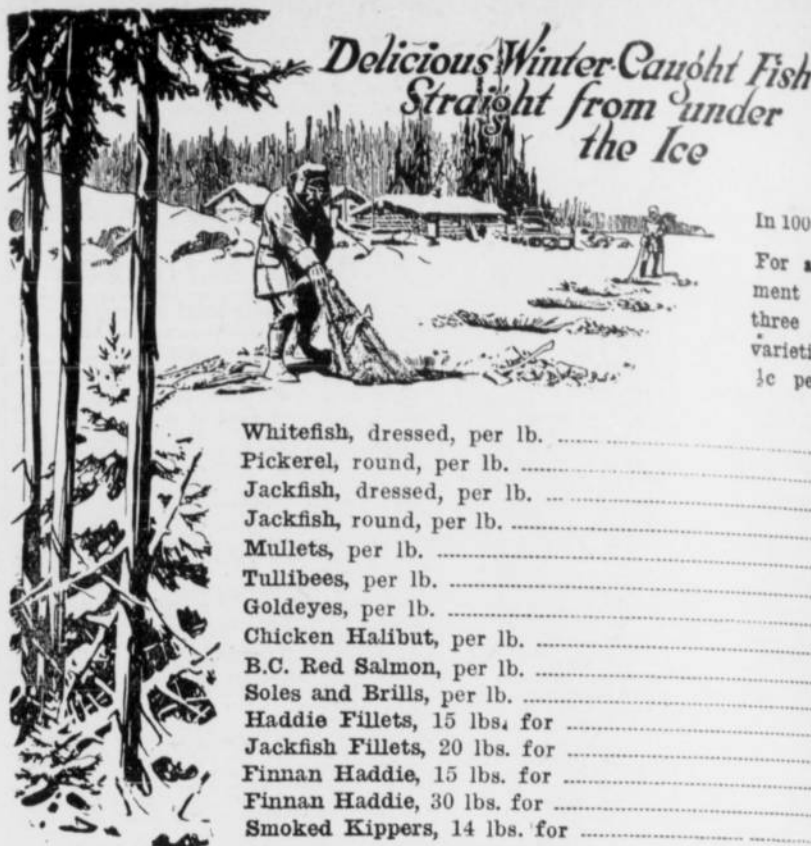
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and eggs, and would be extended to other products later. They were now working on honey, the bee having been put in the "livestock" class. As to agricultural education, this would be taken under consideration.

### Muzzling High-pressure Stock Salesmen

The conference had an interesting time discussing "Blue Sky" legislation. Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta had all suffered much under the high-pressure stock salesman with his worthless product. The Companies Act will also be revised as the provinces have no jurisdiction over companies with a federal charter. There will be a clearer delimitation of jurisdiction with respect to companies, especially loan, trust and insurance companies.

Direct taxation, long favored in the West, has evidently found favor with the Dominion treasury. Under the B.N.A. Act the provinces can only impose direct taxation, having no power whatever to levy indirect taxes. That is why gasoline signs say "30 cents, tax 3 cents," or whatever it is. Although the company collects the money and it is practically an indirect tax, that sign makes it virtually a direct tax. British Columbia overlooked this item and collected a straight gallonage tax from the oil company. As the consumer paid this tax eventually it was indirect taxation and British Columbia's gasoline tax was successfully fought before the Supreme Court.

A direct tax is a tax collected by means of a notice bearing the government's imprint or by a salaried official of the government. The provinces wanted to keep the income tax field to themselves and urged the Dominion to get back into its indirect taxation field. In other words, the provinces wanted to collect income tax, and the Dominion could raise the tariff and the excise and get money by any other similarly expensive means. The Dominion declined. It may reduce the income tax, but it will not abolish it. The new minister of national revenue, Hon. W. D. Euler, has made it all the more valuable this year by collecting a lot of back taxes. From one firm he got \$700,000 in arrears. The westerners in any event were opposed to the principle that the federal government should go in for more indirect taxes.

### The Exciseman and the Bootlegger

The liquor question reared its alcoholic head in the conference. Most of the provinces wanted the excise tax reduced from its present rate of \$9.50 a gallon. This they said raised the price of liquor and put a premium on bootlegging. As most of the provinces now have government control their profits were directly affected. Premier Taschereau surprisingly took the other attitude. He wanted spirituous liquors dear so that his people would take to light wines and beer for their refreshment. It is probable that there may be a slight reduction in the excise this next year, but the conference wasn't told that. The provinces also want the prohibition of illegal importation into the provinces, that the Dominion should prevent liquor being taken into a province where there was government control save by the provincial commission. The government intimated its willingness to do this.

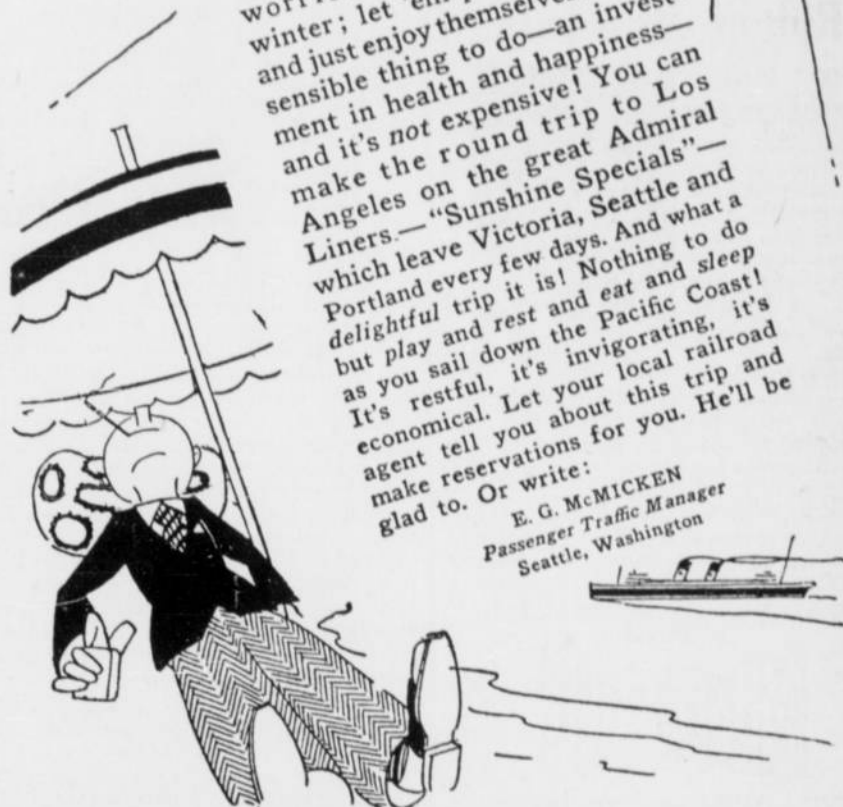
Some of the provinces wanted to leave their pet railways on the doorstep of the minister of railways, but Hon. Charles Dunning wasn't in the mood. There were 12 railways owned by the provinces which they wanted the Canadian National to take over, but the minister thought it would be too much of a burden. The railways which paid, the provinces wanted to keep, and it wasn't right that the National should be burdened any more than it was now.

### Special Conference on Immigration

After the criticism which had been circulated in the East from Saskatchewan against the Department of Immigration, some excitement was expected when this question came up, but when Hon. Robert Forke had outlined the present plans and reviewed what had been done there was no criticism. It was arranged, however, that a conference should take place immediately after the main conference and this was done.

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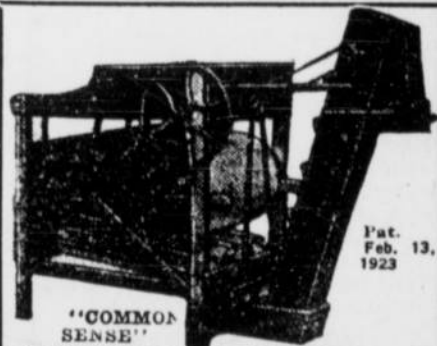
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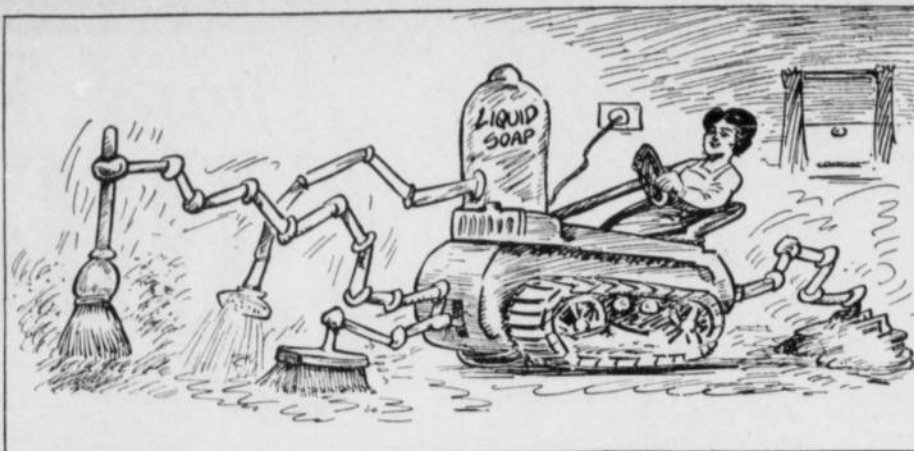
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## A Xmas Present for a Lady

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"Teacher, it's like this: I don't know; I ain't so big like I could to know"—and, truly, God pity him! he was passing small—"it ain't for boys—it's for ladies. Over yesterday on the night comes my papa to my house, and he gives my mamma the present. Sooner she looks on it, sooner she has a awful glad; in her eyes stands tears, and she says, like that—out of Jewish—"Thanks," un' she kisses my papa a kiss. Und my papa, how he is polite! he says—out of Jewish, too—"You're welcome, all right," un' he kisses my mamma a kiss. So my mamma, she sets und looks on the present, und all the time she looks she has a glad over it. Und I didn't to have no soap, so you could to have the present."

"But did your mother say I might?"

"Teacher, no, ma'an; sh' didn't say like that, und she didn't to say not like that. She didn't to know. But it's for ladies, un' I didn't to have no soap. You could to look on it. It ain't for boys."

And here Morris opened a hot little hand and disclosed a tightly folded pinkish paper. As teacher read it he watched her with eager, furtive eyes, dry and bright, until hers grew suddenly moist, when his promptly followed suit. As she looked down at him, he made his moan once more:

"It's for ladies, und I didn't to have no soap."

"But, Morris, dear," cried teacher unsteadily, laughing a little, and yet not far from tears, "this is ever so much nicer than soap—a thousand times better than perfume; and you're quite right, it is for ladies, and I never had one in all my life before. I am so very thankful."

"You're welcome, all right. That's how my papa says; it's polite," said Morris proudly. And proudly he took his place among the very little boys, and loudly he joined in the ensuing song. For the rest of that exciting day he was a shining point of virtue in the rest of that confused class. And at three o'clock he was at teacher's desk again, carrying on the conversation as if there had been no interruption.

"Und my mamma," he said insinuatingly—"she kisses my papa a kiss."

"Well?" said teacher.

"Well," said Morris, "you ain't never kissed me a kiss, und I seen how you kissed Eva Gonorowsky. 'm loving mit you too. Why don't you never kiss me a kiss?"

"Perhaps," suggested teacher mischievously, "perhaps it ain't for boys."

But a glance at her "light face," with its crown of glorious hair, reassured him.

"Teacher, yiss, ma'an, it's for boys," he cried as he felt her arms about him, and saw that in her eyes, too "stands tears."

"It is polite you kisses me a kiss over that for ladies' present."

Late that night teacher sat in her pretty room—for she was, unofficially, a greatly pampered young person—and reviewed her treasures. She saw that they were very numerous, very touching, very whimsical, and very precious. But above all the rest she cherished a frayed and pinkish paper, rather crumpled and a little soiled. For it held the love of a man and a woman and a little child, and the magic of a home, for Morris Mogilewsky's Christmas present for ladies was the receipt for a month's rent for a room on the top floor of a Monroe Street tenement.

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Mr. Elders has been engaged on experimental stations since 1919. He is a graduate of the Agricultural College, Winnipeg, and received his Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1926 he was selected for the Hudson's Bay Company's Research Fellowship. Previous to coming to Brandon, Mr. Elders was on the teaching staff in the Department of Biology at the Manitoba Agricultural College. He has contributed several articles on methods of plant breeding that have attracted considerable attention.

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